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Date of Sailing. Saturday P. M	Steamers.	Tons.	Connecting at Aden with	Tons.
22nd Decr.	ARABIA	7903	......	......
29th	CALEDONIA	7558	MOLDAVIA	9500
1907.				
5th Jan.	PERSIA	7951	......	......
12th "	ORIENTAL	5284	VICTORIA	6522
19th "	CALEDONIA	7558	......	......
26th "	EGYPT	7912	CHINA	7912
2nd Feb.	OCEANA	6610	......	......
9th "	ORIENTAL	5284	INDIA	7911
16th "	EGYPT	7912	......	......
23rd "	PENINSULAR	5294	MONGOLIA	9505
2nd Mar.	ARABIA	7903	......	......
9th "	ORIENTAL	5284	BRITANNIA	6525
16th "	PERSIA	7951	......	......
23rd "	PENINSULAR	5294	MARMORA	10509
30th "	CALEDONIA	7558	......	......
6th Apr.	* MACEDONIA	10512	......	......
13th "	CHINA	7912	......	......
20th "	PENINSULAR	5294	MOLDAVIA	9500
27th "	EGYPT	7912	......	......
4th May	ORIENTAL	5284	HIMALAYA	6898
11th	ARABIA	7903	......	......
18th "	PENINSULAR	5294	VICTORIA	6522
25th "	PERSIA	7951	......	......

* Similar to the preceding and following steamer, the s. s. "MACEDONIA," sailing on the 6th April will proceed direct to Marseilles and London.

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IMPERATRIX	G. Ghezzo	4,213	1st Jan. 1907.

PASSAGE MONEY.

	1st Class.	2nd Class.	Deck.
TRIESTE OR VENICE	Rs. 550.	Rs. 350.	Rs. 150

ORDINARY LINE.

Steamer.	Captain.	Tons.	To sail on or about
*†TRIESTE	D. Mistrorigo	5095	25th Dec. 1906.

* Will call at Karachi. † Will call at Fiume.

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Fares for Return Tickets, Through Tickets to London and Interchangeable Tickets with the Messageries Maritimes will be amended on the basis of the above Single Fares.

The following Sailings have been fixed for next year.—

DIRECT LINE.

Steamers	Tons.	To sail on.
BOHEMIA	4282	1st February,
IMPERATOR	4140	16th "
KOERBER	5301	1st March
IMPERATRIX	4213	16th "
AFRICA	4596	1st April.
IMPERATOR	4140	16th "
KOERBER	5301	1st May.
BOHEMIA	4282	16th "
AFRICA	4596	1st June.

ORDINARY LINE.

Steamers.	Tons.	To sail about.
*+‡F. FERDINAND	6044	24th January.
*+‡CHINA	5099	Early March.
*+‡AUSTRIA	7588	Early April,
*+‡VORWAERTS	5,090	Early May.

* Will call at Karachi. + Will call at Fiume.

E. SCARPA,
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BOMBAY, 15TH OCTOBER, 1906.

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KOLA	1,200	Thur. 27th Dec.	9 a.m.	Cutch Mandvie.
LHASA	2,170	Frid. 21st Dec.	1 p.m.	(direct).

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Steamers	Tons.	Sailing	Ports of call
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D. BALDUINO	4,580	O. Canepa	15th Jan. 1907
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Liverpool	550	900	470	720	420	640
London via Marseilles (overland.)	600	†950	525	*770	450	*675
Karachi	40	..	40	...	40	—

† Return journey from Liverpool, but if outward bound steamer calls at Marseilles, return journey from London Rs. 1000.
* Return journey from Liverpool only.
The following Sailings are subject to alterations:—

Class.	Steamer.	Tons.	Sailing from Liverpool.	Due a Port Said about.	Due Bombay about.	Leave Bombay.
†	Sandon Hall	6,000	Nov. 6	Nov. 18	Dec. 10	Dec. 20
*,	City of Karachi	6,547	" 21	Dec. 3	" 19	" 24
					1907	1907.
†	City of Carthage	5,524	" 27	" 9	Jan. 1	Jan. 8
†	Worsely Hall‡	3,489	Dec. 5	" 18	" 31	" 15
†	City of Agra	4,808	" 19	" 31	" 13	" 19
			1907	1907		
‡*	City of Manchester	5,551	Jan. 2	Jan. 13	" 24	" 31
*	Trafford Hall	5,321	" 12	" 23	Feb. 3	Feb. 10
†|	City of Edinburgh	6,255	" 26	Feb. 7	" 19	" 26
‡	City of Bombay ‡	4,548	Feb. 2	" 14	" 28	Marc 25
†	Aston Hall ‡	3,627	" 11	" 24	Marc 9	" 24

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ARMAND BEHIC	6,385	Guionnet	27th Dec. 1906.
VILLE de la CIOTAT	6,378	Rebufat	24th Jan. 1907.
NERA	5,576	Schmitz	21st Feb. "
DUMBEA	5,686	Boyer	21st Mar. "
SYDNEY	4,118	Combe	18th Apr. "
ARMAND BEHIC	6,388	Guionnet	16th May "
VILLE de la CIOTAT	6,378	Combe	13th June "
NERA	5,576	Schmitz	11th July "

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Vessel	Tons.	Captain	To Sail on or about
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On SUNDAY, the 23rd instant, at 2 p. m., Messrs CRAWFORD & Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction at Mr. Powwalla's Bungalow, Mount Road, Mazagon, next to the Police Station, (where the kit has been removed for auction sale), the valuable and handsome French-polished teakwood and blackwood household furniture such as dining table and chairs, mirror sideboard, dumbwaiter, drawing room suit of sofas and chairs lined tapestry, cabinets, almiras, clothes press, marble topped dressing and wash-hand tables, mahogany full size slate billiard table with balls, cues, etc., Milner's safe on stand 24 by 18 inches, carpets windproofs, lamps, table ornaments, Cutch silverwares, glassware, crockeryware, platedware cottage piano, folding harmonium, etc., the property of Lt.-Col. J. P. BARRY, I. M. S.

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On MONDAY, the 24th instant, at 2-30 p.m. Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction, at their Rooms, a quantity of grey, white and coloured piece-goods and the following :—

Furniture such as cupboards, chest of drawers, writing, dressing and wash-hand tables, sofa, chairs, easy chairs, new boot closing machine on stand, wardrobe, iron safe.

By order of N. C, Macleod, Esqr., the receiver appointed in suit No. 3 of 1906, Pestonji Cowasji Kentinwalla, plaintiff, vs. Curshetji Cowasji Kentinwalla, and others, defendants :—Household furniture such as mirror door almyrah, teapoys, bookstand, chest-of-drawers, table with drawer, model bungalow in glass case, glassware, pictures, wall clocks, wearing apparels, iron safe on stand, copper and brass utensils, lamps, musical box, binocular, lot of valuable books, silver watch, diamond ring etc.

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BENNETT & COMPANY,
No. 22, APOLLO STREET.

TO-MORROW SATURDAY, the 22nd instant, at 3-30 p.m. (S.T.) Messrs. BENNETT and Co. will sell by Public Auction at their Rooms, a quantity of grey and coloured piece-goods, etc.

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On FRIDAY, the 28th inst, at 2 p. m. (S. T.) Messrs. BENNETT & Co., are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at Marker's Building, Apollo Street, Fort, opposite Share Bazar (where the kit has been removed for the purposes of sale from Poona), the house-hold furniture and effects of the late Major Fraser, of Poona, consisting of rich glass and crockeryware, best plateware, English furniture by Maples & Co., London, consisting of mirror wardrobes, marble top washhand tables, Mirzapur rug 12 by 12, one English writing table with pigeon holes, iron and brass single bedsteads, dressing tables, chest of drawers with mirrors, writing tables, curtain with rods, one handsome strong light cabriolet by Simpson, of Madras. &c. &c.

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Goods will be on view two days previous to sale.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

Ordinary Original Civil Jurisdiction.
Suit No. 552 of 1906.

Ellapa Sayana ....Plaintiff.
vs.
Sayana Saiboo and another...... ....Defendants.

Under instructions from Messrs. Kavasjee J. Billimoria and Devidas M. Dalal, Special Commissioners appointed by the High Court under the consent decree in the above suit dated the 12th day of November, 1906, Messrs. SORABJEE COWASJEE & Co., Auctioneers, will on the day and hours hereinafter mentioned, sell by Public Auction, on the premises, the following landed properties, Messrs. Jamsedji Rustomji and Devidas will receive private offers for all or any of the said properties at their Office mentioned below on or before the date fixed for sale thereof by Public Auction.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, the 21st December, 1906 at 4-30 p.m. (S.T.) LOT NO. I.

Firstly.—All that piece of land with a dwelling-house standing thereon, situate at 1st Kamatipura Street, in the registration Sub-district of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 73 square yards or thereabouts, registered by the Collector of Land Revenue under Old No. 3373, New No. 10173, Old Survey No. 5754, and assessed by the Muncipality under ward No. 1080, Street No. 32 and bounded on the east by the property of Shamji Jadavji, on the west by the property of Aboo Saiboo, on the north by the 1st Kamatipura Street, and on the south by the property of Sayana Siaboo, and which said premises are now in the occupation of Sayana Saiboo, the first defendant.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, the 21st December, 1906, at 5 p. m. (S. T.)
LOT NO. II.

Secondly.—All that piece of land with a dwelling-house standing thereon, situate at Kamatipura, Bapty Road, in the registration Sub-district of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 78 square yards or thereabouts, registered by the Collector of Land Revenue under Old No. 3373, New No. 10173, Old Survey No. 2950, New survey No. 5754, and assessed by the Municipality under Ward E No. 766, Street No. 127-129 and bounded on the east by the property of Shamji Jadavji, on the west by the property of Aboo Saiboo, on the north by the property of Sayanna Saiboo, and on the south by the Bapty Road, which said premises are in the occupation of the first defendant and his tenant.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, the 21st December, 1906, at 5-30 p.m. (S. T.)

LOT NO. III.

Thirdly.—All that piece of land with a dwelling-house standing thereon, situate at 2nd Kamatipura Street, in the registration sub-district of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 66 square yards or thereabouts and registered by the Collector of Land Revenue under Old Nos. 3467,3468, New No. 10234, Old Survey Nos. 3048, 3049, New Survey No. 5838, and assessed by the Municipality under Ward No. 1172, 1058, Street Nos. 98 and 23 and bounded on the east by the property of Jetha Wani, on the west by the property of Sayaji Fulmali, on the north by 2nd Kamatipura Lane, and on the south by the 1st Kamatipura Lane, and which said premises are now in the occupation of the tenants of the first defendant.

For further particulars and conditions for sale, application may be made to Mr. Kavasji J. Billimoria, attorney for the plaintiff at his Office, No. 91, Medows Street, Fort, or to Messrs. Jamsetji Rustomji and Devidas, attorneys for the defendants at their Office No. 5, Bell Lane, Fort, or to the Undersigned.

SALE OF IMMOVEABLE Property opposite the Bombay Cotton Mills, at Parel Tank Road Kala Chowki, Chinchpogly.

Messrs. SORABJEE COWASJEE & Co. will, at the instance of the Mortgagee, Sokar Samuel Perry, and in pursuance of the power of sale reserved to him under the Indenture of Mortgage. dated the 1st day of June, 1905, and on account and at the risk of the Mortgagor, Maneckji Kavasji Daroowala, administrator of the property and credits of Kavasji Rauji Darowalla, sell by Public Auction on WEDNESDAY, 9th day of January, 1907, at 4-30 p. m., on the premises, the undermentioned property.

PARTICULARS.

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Further particulars and conditions of sale may be obtained from Messrs. Wadia and Ghandhi, attorneys for the mortgagee at their Office, Hornby Row, or from the Undersigned.

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HIGH COURT

MEDICAL FEES.

Judgment of the Appeal Court.

On the Appellate Side of the High Court, yesterday the Hon'ble Sir Lawrence Jenkins, Chief Justice and the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Beaman, delivered judgment in an appeal from a decision of Mr. Justice Russell in the suit of Dr. C. R. Marrett against Mr. Charles Vernon. It was an appeal from a decision given by Mr. Justice Russell on the 13th August last in favour of the plaintiff, Dr. Marrett. The Hon'ble Mr. Scott, Advocate General, and Mr. Strangman, instructed by Messrs. Payne and Co., appeared for the appellant and defendant, Mr. Vernon; while Mr. Inverarity and Mr. Bahadurjee, instructed by Messrs. Edgelow Gulabchand Wadia and Co., appeared for the plaintiff and respondent, Dr. Marrett. The defendant, Mr. Vernon, had paid Rs. 800 into Court in satisfaction of the plaintiff's claim.

The learned Chief Justice, in delivering the judgment of himself and Mr. Justice Beaman, who was absent owing to indisposition, said the plaintiff is a medical practitioner, and that he had brought this suit to recover Rs. 2,170 for attendance on the defendant's son. Mr. Justice Russell had passed a decree in the plaintiff's favour for Rs. 1,750, and from this decision the defendant had appealed. The son's illness was enteric, and the attendance commenced on the 12th August and ended on the 7th October, 1905, thus covering a period of somewhat less than two months. It was the plaintiff's case that during this period he paid 59 day visits and 25 night visits, and had 19 consultations. The fee he claimed for each day visit was Rs. 10, and for each night visit and consultation Rs. 20, which came to Rs. 1,470. In addition he claimed Rs. 100 a day for a period of seven days. In his plaint Dr. Marrett alleged that, for some days he had to devote his time exclusively to the defendant's son and to refuse other work that would entail his leaving the precincts of the Fort. This referred to the seven days for which he had charged Rs. 100 a day—described in his plaint as "a considerably reduced amount." The plaintiff's diary did not bear out this allegation; for, so far from those seven days being exclusively devoted to the defendant's son, the diary shows that a number of other patients were visited; and it had been stated by Mr. Strangman, and not challenged by the other side, that the plaintiff's fees from other patients during these days exceeded those of the other weeks shown in the portions of the diary contained in the printed book. In estimating the time occupied by the visits, it must be remembered that both doctor and patient live in the same house; and this no doubt accounted for the unusual number of visits that were paid. When regard was had to all the circumstances, it was impossible not to feel that the sum of Rs. 2,170 charged for the two months' attendance was a large one; and the learned Chief Justice thought there was a recognition of this by the plaintiff himself when, in the first instance, he sent in a claim for Rs. 1,500. But according to the plaintiff's view of his legal rights, even the sum of Rs. 2,170 was less than his due. Had he claimed that, then his demand would have exceeded Rs. 3,000. This amount, however, he did not think fit to claim, even when he was at arm's length with the defendant. Yet why did he thus moderate his claim if he thought his scale of charges was reasonable and known to the defendant? But as the case had been shaped, admittedly, the question the Appeal Court had to consider was whether, prior to his calling in the plaintiff, the defendant had notice that his charge for each visit would be what was now claimed; for no evidence had been adduced to show that the charges were reasonable in the circumstances of the case. So far as the plaintiff claimed Rs. 20 for each night visit and each consultation, his Counsel had been unable to point to any evidence of notice to the defendant that such would be his charges. The Diary contained no trace of any such charge. The night visits were not even indicated by the special mark ordinarily employed by the plaintiff; and how the plaintiff, from recollection only, was able to fix, and even swear, to the number of night visits, the Chief Justice was at a loss to understand.

But it was not the Diary alone, his lordship proceeded to remark, that told against this claim of Rs. 20: the plaintiff's own letter of the 4th November, 1905, bore direct testimony against him, for there he said:—"I paid 150 visits, and therefore my account is Rs. 1,500." The learned Chief Justice had therefore no hesitation in holding that his right to charge the defendant Rs. 20 for each night visit and consultation was not established.

Had he then proved that the defendant had notice that his charge would be Rs. 10 a visit? The attempt to bring such notice home to the defendant through Mrs. Giffart had absolutely failed; and the plaintiff therefore had to rely solely on a conversation between the defendant and a Mr. Rice for the purpose of establishing his contention. Mr. Rice was a friend of the Vernon's, and having asked them who was the nearest doctor, he was told that Dr. Marrett was, and that his charge was Rs. 5. The result was that Mr. Rice called in and was attended by the plaintiff, who sent him in a bill, wherein he charged at the rate of Rs. 10 a visit. It did not appear, but the learned Chief Justice assumed, that these were ordinary day visits, and the defendant did not deny that Mr. Rice complained to him of this charge. This was the notice on which the plaintiff relied; but could it be regarded as sufficient to affect the defendant with legal liability? Beyond the defendant's statement, that it was *about* the first week in August, it did not appear what was the precise date of the convensation, or whether it was before or after Dr. Marrett was called in to attend the defendant's son. Nor was it shewn whether or not Mr. Vernon knew that the bill of which Mr. Rice complained to him was paid.

On the other hand, they knew as a fact that Mr. Vernon had on a previous occasion been charged at the rate of Rs. 5 a visit, and that when the Vernons advised Mr. Rice to go to Dr. Marrett, they considered that would be his charge. The defendant, moreover, swore that he did not know the plaintiff was charging him Rs. 10 a visit, and that his charge to Rice was not present to his mind. Then, again, the evidence showed that Dr. Marrett did not charge all his patients at the same rate; thus some he charged Rs. 3 a visit, some Rs. 5, and some Rs. 10; and in the circumstances, the Chief Justice was unable to come to the conclusion that because Mr. Vernon became aware of the charge of Rs. 10, of which Mr. Rice complained, he was affected with notice that the plaintiff would no longer charge him at the old rate of Rs. 5 a visit, but at the rate of Rs. 10. The Chief Justice said that the must therefore hold that the only ground on which the plaintiff sought to support, before the Appeal Court, his charge of Rs. 10 a visit failed; and as a result, he was, in his lordship's opinion, only entitled to a decree for the Rs. 800 which the defendant was and always had been ready and willing to pay, and had brought into court. The decree of Mr. Justice Russell should be varied accordingly, and the plaintiff must pay the costs of the suit and appeal.

SMALL CAUSES COURT.

CLAIM FOR THE SUPPLY OF MILK.

At the Small Causes Court, His Honor the learned Chief Judge heard yesterday a suit instituted by one Mahomed Haji Ahmed, against the defendant, one Jewaji Sorabji Aklasaria, *alias* Jewaji, for the recovery of Rs. 1,574-12-9 on account of the supply of milk. Mr. Cavasji Setna appeared for the plaintiff, the defendant being represented by Mr. K. K. Suntoke.

The allegation of the plaintiff is by an agreement in writing, dated 26th October last, one Narayen Dadji and Luxmana Sukaram had agreed to supply milk to the defendant from 1st November 1905 till 31st October 1906 for the use of certain Hospitals in Bombay, and the defendant had agreed to pay for such supplies at the rate of Rs. 4-7 per maund. By a subsequent endorsement made by the defendant, he agreed to pay to the said two persons for the supply of milk at the increased rate of Rs. 5-8 per maund, Narayan Daji and Luxamana supplied milk from time to time on defendant's account to Arthur Road Hospital and the Maharatta Hospital and got memos every month from the said two hospitals for the monthly supplies made by them. The defendants made payment in part for such supplies. Till the end of June last the milk was supplied on defendant's account and further supply was discontinued as the defendant committed breach of agreement in not making payment in full for the supplies in terms of the contract.

After deducting the part payments, there is still a balance of Rs. 1,574-12-9 due from the defendant for the supplies made till the end of June, 1906. By a writing, dated 5th September 1906, the said Narayan Daji and Luxamana Sukaram assigned the said claim to the plaintiff for valuable consideration. Plaintiff gave notice of the said assignment to the Defendant and demanded payment of the sum sued, but he has failed to pay off the same.

Defendant on the other hand seeks to set off against the plaintiff's claim as assignee of Narayan Daji and Luxamana Sukaram, the sum of Rs. 1180.12, being damages sustained by him by reason of the breach of contract and by supplying adulterated and inferior quality of milk from 1st April to 28th June 1906 and discontinuing the supply of milk from 1st July to 30th October 1906 in breach of the said contract. While the case was proceeding, the vakils on both sides effected a reconcilitation between their clients with the result that the learned Judge has passed a consent decree in favour of the plaintiff for Rs. 1000.

HIGH COURT.—DECEMBER 21.

(Before the Hon. Mr. Justice RUSSELL.)

For Consent Decree.

45-06—M K and C—Khimji Vulubhdas vs Kaloobai and others—M J and H

731-05—M K and C—Jethabhoy Kessowji vs Kaloobai—M J and H and R K and N

For further directions and Costs on Commissioner's Report.

651-79—Edgelow G W and Co—Madhawdas Gocuidas Paste vs Anandrao Venayek and others—Little and Co

552-01—Captain and Ahmed V Khan Mahomedali Alias Baba Miya Penker vs Abdoola Bin Ally Saheb Coor and others—Payne M and N and R and B and N

For Evidence and Argument

565-91—Wadia G and Co—Khan Bahadoor Bin Akbarali and others vs Khan Bahadoor Mir Abdulally and others—Ardeshir D and Co—Part heard

831-05—Pestonjee B and K Bhikaji Framji Khan and others vs—Tribhowandas Mangaldas Nathoobhoy and others—Crawford B and Co—Part heard

Long Causes.

528-06—Ardeshir H D and Co—Mir Annalli Valad Mir Abdulally and others vs Mir Hassanally Valad Mir Abdulally and others—Mirza and M—Not to be called on

120-06—Bhaishankar K and G—Narandas Ramji and others vs Narodas Ramji and others—Wadia G and Co

644-02—Little and Co—Thomas Joseph Strangman vs Luckmidass Harilal and others—Chitnis and M

775-05—Mulji and K—Bai Jamnabai widow vs Gulabchand Manalal—Ardeshir H D and Co

259-06—Ardeshir H D and Co—Afsarally Alias Rojially Binte Sarfrazally vs Mir Annalli valad Mir Abdulali and others—Mirza and M.

2-06—Crawford B and Co—The Trustees for the Improvement of Bombay vs Ahmedally Shaik Kadurbhai and others—Shamrao M and Mulla and M (Settled.)

269-06—Edgelow G W and Co.—Runchord Narroon vs Ajoobai widow vs Thakurdas and Co.

313-06—Payne and Co—Heeraji Culloo and others vs Mariambibi Khushal—Tyabji and Co

564-05—Payne and Co—Mariambibi vs Ebrahim Abdulla and others—Madhowji K and C

276-06—Thakurdas and Co—Abdul Kadar Alias Bala Maya bin Kassam Ooranker and another vs Marriam bai widow and others—Payne and Co and Madhowji K and C.

611-05—Mirza and M—Hajee Noor Mahomed Cassam vs N C Macleod—Unwalla and P

(Before the Hon. Mr. JUSTICE CHANDAVARKAR.)

Suits for hearing and final disposal.

Long Causes.

687-05—Matubhai J and M—Champsey Cooverjee vs Jethabha Nursey and others—Wadia G and Co part heard

773-05—M-B-Chothia—The Advocate General of Bombay vs Syed Nurudin bin Syed Hisamudin—Captain and V

Petition for hearing.

J C Bowen for Govt.—In the matter of Land acquisition Act of 1894 and in Re Government and Merwanjee Muncherjee Cama and another—Ardeshir H D and Co part heard

Long Causes.

338-04—Mehta and S—Narayen Hosso and other vs Anante Rama—M B Chothia part heard

(Before the Hon. Mr. Justice DAVUR.)

Suits for hearing and Final Disposal

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132-05—Khunderao S and L Padad widow and others—vs Domingo Gracias and others—Madhowjee K and N—Part heard

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533-02—Tyabji D and Co—The Advocate [illegible] vs Mirza Mahomed Shirazie and another [illegible] L and O M and M and W G and Co

Testamentary Suits

12-06—Smetham B and N—Narayen Kashinath vs Harischandra Pandharinath—Tyabji D and Co.

13-06—Chitnis and M Moroba Dhanji and others vs Harischand Gopal—In person

14-06—Mirza and M—Vithalji Meghjee and another vs Vabji Toolshi—Hiralal and T

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183-06—Madhawji and K—Gordhandas Motarji vs Mehran Maniadlan and another

271-06—Mulla and M—Haji Noor Mahomed Cassam Metha vs Dharamdas Jinabhai and others—Ardeser H D and Co

646-06—Maganlal J and G—Rewabai widow vs Jenabai Alias Latyabhanabai—[illegible]

517-06—Little and Co—[illegible] Vassodeji vs Hassanalli Mahomedali—Ardishir H D and Co

484-05—Raghavaya and B Mulshanker Pitumber and another vs Leonard R Douse—Mehta S and L

307-06—Payne and Co—Haji Juckeria Haji Ahmed and others vs Hormusji Nusserwanjee Servai and others—Khanderao S and L

528-05—Smetham B and N—Balkrisondas Thakurdas Tricumdas Thakurdas and another—Mirza and M B and B

190-06—Payne and Co—N C Macleod vs Hormusjee Nusserwanjee Ghesta and another—Thakurdas and Co

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Kher, N Avadhut
Kinikar, J Raghunath
Manjrekar, L Venkatesh
Mehta, A Vithaldas
Mehta, C Jethalal
Mehta, Vaikunthray N
Merchant, Tricumdas D
Modi, Jugmohandas Kaliandas
Moolla, Bomanji Nasarwanji
Mudholkar, Shridhar Balwant
Nanavati, Erach Dadabhai
Nargundkar, N Sadashivrao
Padbidri, R Santappa
Parvatikar, V Krishnarao
Pathare, K Ramchanda
Patil, G Sadashiv
Patil, V Nar yan
Phadnis, R Shankar
Pingale, T Rajaram
Ranade, G Vishnu
Ranadive, N Dwarkanath
Rege, A Dattatraya
Rele, J Gangaram
Riswadkar, V Krishna
Sabnis, H Gururao
Sathe, S Purushottam
Shah, N Devchand
Shivani, A Santsing
Sohani, G Purushottam
Sonalkar, K Sitaram
Sutaria, C Jhaverbhai
Talvalkar, B Hari
Thakar, V Ramchandra
Thashnav, Bapubhai J
Vakil Hiralal Chunilal
Wegh, Nagesh Sadashiv

NOT CLASSED.

Advani, R Sachanand
Anjaria, S Govindram
Bhat, M Pitamber
Gadani, V Keshavji
Mehta, Pitambardas K
Sanghvi, Navalchand G
Vaziraui, Assanmal Bulchand
Patankar, Madhav Jagannath

SCHOLARSHIPS AND PRIZES.

Miss Meherbai Jehangir Wadia gets the Ellis Scholarship; Adi Kuvarji Contractor gets the James Taylor Prize and the Wordsworth Scholarship, Bal Gangadhar Kher gets the Bhu Daji Prize; Haridabhai V. Divatia gets the Dhirajlal Mathuradas Scholarship; Shiavux Rustomji Kothavala gets the Narayen Vasudev Scholarship; Vasudev Sadashiv Ghurye gets the Cobden Club Medal; Bejonji Kharsedji Desai gets the Perozshah Merwanji Jijibhoy Scholarships.

THE FIRST L.L. B. EXAMINATION.

The following B.A., candidates have passed this examination:—

(SECOND DIVISION.)

Aswani, Tabilram Bassurmal; Avashia, Venishanker Jivanji; Bhauvani, Gagumal Murijmal; Bhide, Gajanan Krishna; Bohra, Chamanlal Manilal; Clubvala, Pali Mancherji; Contractor, Adi Kuvarji; Desai, Gulabbhai Morarji; Deshmukh, Sakharam Atmaram; Deshpande, Bhasker Ramchandra; Ghanekar, Shanker Vaman; Gundil, Narayen Ramchandra; Gupte, Keshav Trimbakrao; Kher, Vasudev Avadhut; Laud, Vesantrao Mangesh; Maniar, Hakimchand Harjivan; Manjrekar, Laxman Venkatesh; Mazagonwalla, Rustomji Burjorji; Mehta, Indravadan Narayanbhai; Moolla, Bomanji Nusservanji; Narguudkar, Narhari Sadashivrao; Nariman Cursetji Framji; Paps, Rustomji Edalji; Pathere, Krishnarao Ramchandra; Patil, Vithal Narayen; Pingale, Trimbak Rajaram; Ranadive, Narayen Dwarkanath; Sabnis, Haribar; Gururao, Samtani; Gopaldas Wadhumal, Sathe; Sadashivo Purshottam, Shirgaokar; Hari Vishnu, Shivani, Alumal Santsing; Sonalkar, Krishnarao Sitaram.

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SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

THE steamer Zambesi, 2415 tons, Captain E Rooney sailed yesterday for Newcastle, in ballast.

THE steamer Gerd, 751 tons, Captain A Andreasen, arrived in harbour yesterday from Bangkok, with a cargo of timber.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Chanda, 3951 tons, Captain J C Tice, arrived in harbour yesterday from London with a general cargo.

THE Shah S N Co's steamer Shah Amier, 1931 tons, Captain G. C. Grant, arrived in harbour yesterday from Jedah, in ballast.

THE Bombay and Persia S N Co's steamer Mejidi, 1857 tons Captain W H Coates, arrived in harbour yesterday from Massowa with a general cargo and passengers.

THE steamer Tientsin, 2555 tons, Captain J E Davison, cleared outward yesterday for Jedah, with a general cargo and 890 pilgrims.

THE Bombay Japan Line steamer Kagoshima Maru, 2731 tons, Captain K Kori, will sail to-day for Japan, &c, with a general cargo and passengers.

MEN-OF-WAR & ROYAL INDIAN MARINE SHIPS.

IN THE STREAM.

H M S Proserpine......Capt. James ......R Navy
R I M S Canning......Comd Rose ......R I Marine

IN GOVT. DOCKYARD.

H M S Perseus......Capt HChristian......R Navy
R I M S Northbrook......R I Marine
R I M S Elphinstone ...Comdr Luck......R I Marine
Three Torpedo Boats ......Royal Navy

VESSELS IN THE HARBOUR—Dec. 20.

Bulimba ......1617 Bamber ......M M O Co
Castalia ......4981 Bright ......W & A G & Co
Chanda......3951 Tice......M M & Co
Clan Macleod ......3043 Fishenden ......F M & Co
Caledonia ......3529 Tocque ......P & O Co
Faringford ......2575 Chaplain ......Captain
Gerd ......751 Andreasen ......F F Campbell & Co
Inverness ......240[illegible] Clarkson ......Cory Bros & Co
Kilberian......2413 Smith ......W & A Graham & Co
[illegible]etis ......2167 Brown ......K N & Co
Mojidi ......1857 Coates ......B & P S N Co
[illegible]ahma ......969 Harvey ......W......American Yacht
Orissa ......3525 Fysh ......M M & Co
Querimba ......4931 Smith ......M M & Co
Shahjehan ......2566 Davison ......Shah S N Co
Scindia ......5253 Abrey ......W & A G & Co
Soudan......4267 S de B Lockyer ......Transport
Ula ......3426 Boon ......M M & Co

VESSELS IN DOCK—Dec. 20.

PRINCE'S DOCK.

Shed.	Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination	Date	Agents.
A	Dundas	1954	case	N F		W F A Graham & Co
B	Tweedale	2 24	Milne	Hull	20-12	T M & Co
D&E	Camberwell	2538	Baines	D'unkirk	25-12	W & A G& Co
K	Glenaffric	2657	Craig	N F		T Morrison & Co
M	Jumna	2686	Fenwick	Jedda	20-12	M M & Co
M	Satrunji	547	Hoosein	repairing		B S N Co
N	Gryfevale	2845	Steel	Phila'phia	20-12	R A Willis
O	Hatasu	2160	Debnam	Marseilles	24-12	T M & Co
P	Schwarzenfels	2454	Framzins	H'burg	27-12	Glade & Co
H W P D						
	Puri	643	Ahmed	Manglore	21-12	B S N Co
	Poonaai	552	Esmail	B'nagar	23-12	B S N Co
Offside L						
	Bundesrath	1326	Grewe	Repairing		A Strandes
N						
	Swaledale	2348	Manship	N F		W & A G & Co
VICTORIA DOCK.						
1	Scindia	205[illegible]	Ruddock	L'pool	22-12	M M & Co
2	Vienna	2654	White	L'pool	22-12	W & A G & Co
4	Louise	2143	Warner	Ge oa	21-12	K N & Co
5	Clan Macleod	3043	Fishenden	Cochin	20-12	F M Co
6	Tientsin	2555	Carter	Jedda	22-12	A P & Sons
7	Imperatrix	2583	Ghezzo	Trieste	1-1	E Scarpa
8	Trieste	3203	Mistrorigo	Trieste	25-12	E Scarpa
9	Arcadia		Valentine	S'ghai	26-12	P & O Co
10 & 11	Malta	3892	Peters	Shanghai	19-2-07	P & O Co
12	Arabia	4874	Gibbs	London	22-12	P & O Co
14	Lhasa	941	Hirst	K'chi	21-12	M M & Co
15	Kagoshima Maru	273[illegible]	Kori	Kobe	21-12	N Y Kaisha
16	Baron Fairlie	2523	Tarfore			W & A Graham & Co
M W D D						
	Xema	446	Grey	N F		J M & Co

ARRIVALS.

Dec.	Vessel.	Commander	From.
19	Soudan (Tpt)	Lockyer	Taku Nov 13
20	Castalia s	Bright	Glasgow, Nov 16
	Chanda s	Tice	London, Nov 16
	Gerd s	Andreasen	Bangkok, Dec 3
	Mojidi s	Coates	Masowa, Dec 10
	Shah Ameer s	Grant	Jeddah, Dec 9

DEPARTURES.

Dec.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
20	Domra s	Moxon	Persian Gulf
	Florican s	Work	Persian Gulf
	Islami s	Newby	Jeddah

The following vessels obtained their portclearances yesterday:—

Steamer Kagoshima Maru, Kori, for Kobe, &c.

" Trentsen, Davison, for Jedah.

The following vessels began to load yesterday:—

Steamer Castalia, for Liverpool, &c.

" Dundas, for Antwerp, &c.

" Imperatrix, for Trieste, &c.

" Majidi, for Jedah.

" Chanda, for Antwerp, Dunkirk, &c.

MADRAS.

ARRIVALS.

Dec.	Vessel.	From
7	Clan Lindsay	Liverpool
17	Matiana	Calcutta
17	Bangala	Rangoon
17	Methley Hall	Pondicherry
18	Vadala	Rangoon

DAILY EXPORTS.—Dec. 20.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

Scindia s—20 bales wool, Allen Bros and Co; 100 bales wool, Jadowjee Kara, 60 cwt Kurdee cake, Glade and Co; 100 bales cotton, Ralli Bros; 64 bales wool, B Harbour

FOR LONDON.

Arabia s—25 bales wool, W and A Graham and Co; 146 cwt cajoo, 55 cwt benjamim, 4 cwt lac, D Vallybhoy and Co

FOR LEITH.

Baron Fairlie s—4000 cwts cottonseed, W Becher; 6000 cwts cottonseed, K Nixon and Co; 10,000 cwt; cottonseed M Valabdas; 4000 cwt cottonseed G Madhawjee and Co; 1000 cwt kurdeecakes Louis Dreyfus and Co; 10,751 cwt cottonseed A Khimjee

FOR HAVRE.

Glenaffrie s—2005 bales cotton, Prier de Soone and Co; 357 cwt myrabollams, W Becher; 100 bales hemp, G Madhowji and Co; 1,200 cwt Gingellyseed, 3,999 cwt linseed and 999 cwt rapeseed, E D Sassoon and Co; 3,000 cwt linseed, 2,000 cwt bran, Louis Dreyfus and Co; 3,022 cwt rapeseed, 8,026 cwt linseed, Volkart Bros, 700 bales cotton, Divadkar and Co; 500 bales cotton G Tejpal and Co; 125 cwt cashewnuts, John Fachiri; 2,000 cwt linseed, Ernest Lam and Co; 100 bales cotton G, Tejpal and Co

FOR ANTWERP.

Swaledale s—3,960 cwt gingellyseed, John Fachiri; 530 tons manganescor, Kiddle Reeve and Co; 82 bales cotton waste, P K Lalaka and Co; 320 bales cotton, Sorabjee Framjee and Co; 275 bales cotton, J A Begbie and Co; 200 bales cotton Gill and Co

Chanda s—1,000 cwt rapeseed; 2,000 cwt linseed, Jusraj

FOR DUNKIRK.

Camberwell s—1,023 cwt poppyseed, 8947 cwt gingelly seed, Louis Dreyfus and Co; 200 cwt buffalo horns, E Mohomed

FOR MALMOE

Schwarzenfels s—200 bales cotton Gaddum and Co

FOR GOTHENBURG.

Schwarzenfels s—100 bales cotton Gaddum and Co

FOR MARSEILLES.

Scindia s—2 pots rose, oil, M A Patheria

Hatasu s—12,157 cwt gingellyseed, Louis Dreyfus and Co

FOR TRIESTE.

Imperatrix s—605 bales cotton The Bombay and Co; 55 bales cotton fly K Visram and Co; 245 bales twist Alois Schweiger and Co; 1937 cwt myrabolams W Bechar, 110 bales cotton Bamji and Co

Triest s—301 bales cotton Ralli Bros

FOR VENICE.

Imperatrix s—200 bales cotton Bamji and Co

FOR FIUME.

Trieste s—591 bales cotton Ralli Bros

FOR ODESSA.

Trieste s—1200 cwt myrabolams A Khimji

Imperatrix s—1,500 cwt myrabolams W Bechar

FOR GENOA.

Luise s—3088 bales cotton Ralli Bros

FOR C[illegible]

Trieste s—3 pots rose oil A A Sabim

COMMERCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, DECEMBER 19.

SECURITIES—
2½ per cent. Consols .... 86 5/16 = —1/16
3 per cent. Rentes .... 95 3/4 — unchanged
3½ per cent. Indian Sterling Loan 103 1/4 — "
3½ per cent. Indian Enfaced Rupee Paper .... 64 3/16 — "
SILVER—
Spot in London .... 31 13/16 — —3/8
3 months hence .... 32 — —1/4
Spot in New York .... 69 5/8 = —3/4
EXCHANGES—
Paris cheques .... 25·25 = +1/2
Berlin cheques .... 20·48 3/4 = unchanged
New York Demand .... 4·83 = —3/8
DISCOUNTS—
Bank of England .... 6 pr. ct. Since 19th Oct
3 months' sight Bank Bills ...... 6 do. = "
6 months' sight Bank Bills ...... 5 do. = "
3 months sight Fine Trade Bills 6 1/4 do. = "
6 months' sight Fine Trade Bills 6 do. = "
INTEREST—
Day to day loans .... 4 3/4 — —1/8
7 day market loans .... 5 1/2 —

Amount paid into the Bank of England about £125,000.

At the Periodical Biddings for Council Bills for Rs. 1,20,00,000.
Rs. 6,60,000 were allotted to Calcutta.
Rs. 2,80,000 do Bombay.
Rs. 1,80,000 do Madras.
10,90,000
At 1s. 4 3/32d.
Minimum rate received 11 per cent.
Telegraphic Transfers—
Rs. 33,90,000 were allotted to Calcutta.
Rs. 31,80,000 do Bombay.
Rs. 1,50,000 do Madras.
1,80,20,000
At 1s. 4 5/32d.
Minimum rate received 11 per cent.
Total amount sold during week Rs. 2,15,90,000
Amount to be allotted next week " 1,20,00,000
Extra allotments, Bills on Bombay Rs. 20,000 at 1s. 4 1/8d.
Transfers do Rs. 100,000 at 1s. 4 3/16d
Do Calcutta Rs. 22,30,000 at 1s. 4 3/16d.
Do Madras Rs. 3,00,000 at 1s. 4 3-16d.
Yesterday Transfers on Calcutta Rs. 3,00,000 at 1s. 4 3/16d.
SUGAR—
German granulated double bags C. and F. India 117 1/2 Jan.-Mar. sellers steady.
RAPESEED—
Yellow Guzerat 48—1-2 April-May tone mutilated
Yellow Cawnpore 47 1/2 April-May tone mutilated
Brown 43 7/8 April-May sellers mutilated
LINSEED—
Linseed Bold 48 1/8 sellers tone mutilated
COFFEE—
Coffee in New York 7
ARRIVALS—
Steamers—Liberea, Sydney
Beef and Mutton Tallow—No auction this week
IN LIVERPOOL—
Cotton Market closed .... steady
East Indian .... quiet
Manchester .... steady
Total Sales .... 10,000 bales
Spot .... 5·60—09
Egyptian F. G. F. Brown 10 5-16
Sold on speculation and for Export ...... 500 bales
Imports 13,000
Futures closed .... steady

Dec.-Jan.	Jan.-Feb.	Feb.-Mar.
5·31	5·32	5·33
—03	—03	—02
Mar.-Apr.	Apr.-May	May-June.
5·35	5·37	5·38
—02	—02	—02
June-July	July-Aug.	Aug.-Sept
5·40	5·41	5·36
—03	—02	—02

Receipts at U. S. Ports 57,000
Do. last year 41,000
Exports to Great Britain 13 000
Do. do Continent 2,000
IN NEW YORK—
Spot .... 10·45
Futures, month of Dec .... 9·10—04 *
Do do. Mar .... 9·45—03
* Declined owing to weak cables and to bear pressure and bulls unloading.
IN NEW ORLEANS—
Spot 10 1-4
Futures, month of Jan .... 9·90—06
Do. do. Mar .... 9·93—09
Tone at close .... barely steady

ADDITIONAL QUOTATIONS.

Fine Broach 5 20/32
F. G. Broach 5 15/32
Good Broach 5 10/32
Fine Bhownugger 4 26/32
F. G. Bhownugger 4 22/32
Good Bhownugger 4 18/32
Fine Oomras 4 26/32
F. G. Oomras 4 22/32
Good Oomras 4 18/32
Good M. G. Oomras 4 18/32
Fine M. G. Oomras 4 26/32
Fine Bilatee 4 14/32
Good Bilatee 4 6/32
Fine Bengals 4
F. G. Bengals 3 28/32
Good Bengals 3 24/32
Fine M. G. Bhownugger 4 26/32
Good Khandeish 4 12/32
F. G. Khandeish 4 16/32

Arrivals of Cotton, Wheat and Seeds into Bombay for the 24 hours ending 6 p.m. on 19 December:—

Cotton .... 10,354 bales.
Wheat .... 12,011 cwts.
Linseed .... 224 "
Rape, Rai and Mustard .... 142 "
Gingellyseed .... 20,355 "
Poppyseed .... 56 "
Groundnuts .... 1,018 "
Castorseed .... 151 "
Rice .... 4,365 "
Myrabollams .... 1,3[illegible]6 "
Cottonseed .... 7,472 "
Mowraseed .... nil
Gram .... 4,436 "
Jowari .... 3,890 "
Maize .... 226 "

BOMBAY, THURSDAY EVENING.

THERE was a slight decline in prices for Cotton advised in the Home telegrams to hand this morning from America and Liverpool and the local market ruled quiet during the day at about yesterdays' closing quotations. There was a small demand for ready cotton for this months' shipment, and the settlements for December, and tenders against December deliveries are occupying the market. At the close the market is steadier and prices are Re. 1 to Rs. 2 higher.

STERLING EXCHANGE is steady.

RUPEE PAPER.—The market is steadier and prices have advanced 3 annas for ready and the settlement.

SHARES.
Petits............ Rs. 3,290
Davids .... " 401 1/4
Tapti Valley............ " 485

EXCHANGE.—Tone steady.
Bank T. T. ... ... 1s. 4 5/32d.
Bank Demand ... ... 1s. 4 1/4 to 9/32d.
Credit Bills 3 Months' Sight D. A. ... 1s. 4 11/16d.
Do. 6 do. do. ... ... 1s. 4 27/32d.
French Francs 3 m/s sight D A ... 174 1/4
Marcks 3 do. do. 142 1/2
Hongkong 30 Days' Sight 161
Shanghai 30 do. do. 22 1/2
Japan 30 do. do. 148 1/2

GOVERNMENT PAPER.—3 1/2 p. c. Tone.
Cash... ... ... 95·2
1st Settlement ... ... 95·5

MONEY MARKET.—Tone
BANK RATE—
Bank of England since 19th Oct. 6 per cent.
Bank of Bombay do. 13th Dec. 9 do.
Bank of Bengal do. 6th Dec. 9 do.
Bank of Madras do. 13th Dec. 9 do.

Official quotations of the Bombay Cotton Trade Association, Limited:—

	Fine.	F-G	Goods.	Delivery.
Bengal, H.-G. (Ry. terms)	174	166	..	25 Jan.
Bengal, M.G. do.	181 / 178	172 / 169	..	Ready. / 25 Dec.
S. Punjab M G	178	169	..	25 Jan.
Oomrawattee (descriptions) M-G	199	193	—	do
Khandeish (M-G)	187	181	...	do
Jalgaum (M.G.)	189	183	...	do
Khangaum, fair staple (M-G)	199	193	...	do
Karanja do (M-G)	199	193	..	do
Akola do (M-G)	199	193	..	do
Yeotmal (M.G.)	215	209	..	do
Dhamangaum and Poolgaum	209	203	...	do
Nagpur Kamptee (M-G)	216	210	...	do
Broach (M.G.)	249		233	25 Mar.
Muttia (M. G.)	185	178	..	25 Jan.
Do do	...	..	..	..
Do.	...	...	..	...
Do.	...	...	..	...
Do.	...	...	...	...
Do.	...	...	...	...
Do. do.	...	...	..	...
Do. do (M-G)	...	...	..	...
Do. (M.G.)	...	...	..	...
Do. do.(M-G)	...	...	..	...

LIVERPOOL OPENING TELEGRAM.

Tone............ Quiet but steady
Estimated sales .... 8,000 bales.
Imports .... 28,000 "

Dec.-Jan.	Jan.-Feb.	Feb.-Mar.
5·28	5·29	5·30
—03	—03	—03
Mar.-Apl.	Apl.-May.	May-June.
5·32	5·34	5·36
—03	—03	—03
June-July.	July-Aug.	Aug.-Sept.
5·37	5·38	5·33
—03	—03	-03

FREIGHT AND PRODUCE STATEMENT.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

KARACHI, DECEMBER 19.

Freights.—Our market is firmer than when we closed on the 13th instant but cargo remains very scarce. Some rain has fallen in certain parts of the Punjab and this combined with an absence of bringing on export account has caused some weakening in the prices of wheat. But differences are still too big to admit of business. The engagements made have been very small.

Engagements.—Wilson line steamship "Othello" Hull, January, 470 tons at sixteen shillings. Steamship Hindoo late January, early February, 1500 tons, Hull, at sixteen shillings. Ellerman lines February, London 3000 tons at sixteen shillings Hansa line January, Hamburg, 700 tons at seventeen shillings.

Charter.—none reported.

KARACHI, DECEMBER 20.

Freights have ruled very firm throughout the week in spite of a strong and advancing Exchange Market which is seriously hampering trade.

Good seasonable rain is reported from the Punjab which may have the effect of lowering the prices of wheat and seeds, and so allow of fresh business for the new year being put through.

THE INDIAN GOLD MINES.

The following quotations were received by Messrs. Scott and Tod, Share, Stock and Exchange Brokers, of Second Beach Line Madras, by Special Cablegram yesterday, the 20th December:—

Mines.	Share.	Paid up.	Buyers.	Sellers.
Anantapur Gold	£1	7s. 6d.	£0 11 3	£0 13 9
Balaghat	£1	£1	£1 5 6	£1 7 9
Champion Reefs	2s. 6d	2s. 6d.	£0 12 6	£0 14 3
Coromandel	£1	£1	£0 3 0	£0 5 0
Dec. G. F. Dev	£1	5s. 0d.	£0 0 9	£0 2 0
Dhar. Gold Mines	£1	£1	£2 1 5	£2 3 9
Dharwar Reefs	£1	£1	£1 5 0	£1 7 6
G. F. Mysore	£1	£1	£0 1 3	£0 2 3
Glenrock, Ind	10s.	9s. 6d.	£0 2 0	£0 3 0
G. F. Dharwar	£1	£1	£0 17 0	£0 19 4½
Hutti	£1	£1	£2 1 3	£2 3 9
Hyderabad Dec	£3	£3	£2 11 3	£2 13 9
Ind. Mines Dev	4s.	4s.	£0 2 0	£0 3 0
Kempinkote New	6s.	5s.	£0 1 0	£0 1 6
Mysore Gold	10s.	10s.	£5 13 3	£5 18 9
Mysore Reef Ord	£1	£1	£0 0 3	£0 0 9
Mysore West	£1	19s.	£0 3 6	£0 4 6
Mysore Wynaad	£1	40s.	£0 3 6	£0 4 6
Nundydroog	10s.	10s.	£1 4 0	£1 6 6
Coregam (Ord)	10s.	10s.	£0 12 3	£0 14 6
Road Block	£1	£1	£0 3 0	£0 4 0
Sangli (New)	£1	18s.	£0 8 0	£0 9 3
Tepuldodi	£1	10s.	£0 10 3	£0 11 6

BOMBAY BANK AND STOCK LIST

BANKS.

	Shares.	Amount.	Paid-up.	Last Half Yearly Divid.	Rate.
BANKS.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Bank of Bombay	20,000	500	all	12 p. c.	1,402½
Bank of Bengal	40,000	500	all	10 pr. ct.	1,430
Bank of Madras	10,000	500	all	10 pr. ct.	1,200
Commercial Bank of India	40,000	70	100	Nil	31
Alliance Bank of Simla	15,000	100	100	12 pr. ct.	248
EXCHANGES BANKS.					
Charter Bank	0,000	£20	£20	14 pr. ct.	£60
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	80,000	dol. 125	all	£1-15-0	£90
National Bank of India	40,000	£25	£12½	dvd 2	Rs. 550
Punjab National Bank	....	100	100	....	120
MISCELLANEOUS					
Alcock Ashdown	11,750	100	100	dvd Rs. 14	330
Back Bay Baths	500	50	50	dvd Rs. 10	3
Badham Pile	500	100	100	12 pr. ct.	126
Bombay and Burma Trading Corporation	1,300	2,500	1,500	dvd Rs. 180	3,750
Do. New Issue	1,800	685	375	dvd Rs. 45	2,220
Bombay Ice Mfg. Co., Ld.	1,250	100	100	6 pr. ct.	40
Bombay Flour Mill	1,000	500	500	25	625
Delhi and Northern India Flour Mills	1,700	200	200	Nil	142
Empire of India Life A. C. Ld.	2,000	500	50	12 pr. ct.	150
Indian Guarantee Surety Ship Assn.	5,000	100	10	10 pr. ct.	19
John Roberts and Co.	1,500	100	100	dvd Rs. 10	190
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Marcks and Co., Ld.	4,000	100	100	dvd Rs. 10	146
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Oriental Govt. Security Life Insurance	5,000	100	50	6-1-4 pr. ct.	147
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[illegible]sunday and Co.	1,000	100	1,001		35
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BOMBAY.

TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 6h. 28m.; Sun sets, 5h. 28m.; High water, 3-18m., 3-35a; Low water 9-42m., 9-12a.

P. and O. s. s. Persia, with English mails of the 7th instant due to arrive at 2 p. m.

University Examination Result, Second L.L. B. Examination.

Sonderdas Spinning and Weaving Mills Company, 3 Tamarind Lane, 3 p. m. (B. T.)

Skating Rink, Christmas Ball, Esplanade.

Marquardt's performance, Town Hall, 9-30 p. m.

BOMBAY IMPROVEMENT TRUST.—A meeting of the Bombay Improvement Trust was held yesterday afternoon, when business of a formal nature was transacted.

THE MARQUARDT CONCERT.—There should be a full house at the Marquardt concert to-night. The programme is one of the choicest these artists offer, and the character of the same should please the most fastidious. We gave the programme in yesterday's paper. The concert will commence at 9-30 and terminate at eleven.

INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS, CALCUTTA.—All gentlemen who have registered their names with Mr. D. E. Wacha to travel by the same train as Mr. Dadabhai Naoroji will be good enough to take their tickets at the Victoria Terminus for the Special which will start tomorrow the 22nd December at 11-35 a.m., Standard Time.

THE IN-COMING MAIL.

The P. and O. Co.'s steamer "Persia," which is expected to arrive in Bombay to-day, brings the following passengers, from London, Marseilles and Brindisi, etc:—

Alcock, Rev H J
Alexander, Mr J W
Ali, Mr Mozzam
Almy, Miss G N
Anderson, Mr John
Ashburton, Dowager, Lady
Ashdown, Mr W
Aston, Capt J W
Atherton, Mr E D
Bain, Rev Jas
Bancroft, Miss E V
Baring, Hon A H
Baring, Hon G V and Mrs
Barlell Miss E
Bee, Mr W
Beardsley, Capt G B
Beldam, Miss
Belilios, Mr and Mrs R E
Belilios, Dr and Mrs
Belilios, Mrs E R
Bevan, M T E
Bidwell, Mr B H
Billimoria, Mr W
Birkett Mr W C
Biezarel, Miss B
Bomaine, Miss A
Bliss, Mrs C V
Brinberg, Mr H
Briggs, Mrs
Browning, Col W B
Brown, Capt F
Brown, Lieut C A
Bruce, Mr A B
Butler, Mr A E
Cameron, Mr P E
Canny Lieut J O M
[illegible]arson, Mr H C
Carwithers, Mrs E J
Casson Walker, Mrs and 2 Misses
Champlain, Gen E R and Mr
Charrington, Mr and Mrs M V
Clements, Mr F
Cliford, Mr D
Colledge, Mr J F
Colvin, Lady and Miss
Cook, Mr H M
Cooper, Mr Geo
Cooper, Mr B W
Copps, Mr J
Cornish, Mr and Mrs W H
Croome, Mrs A and infant
Crombie, Miss
Crombie, Mr J F
Crouch, Mrs H A
Dalal, Mr and Mrs B J
Daniels, Miss L G
David, Mr D
Davis, Mr H B
Debossan, Mr A F
Deakin, Mr W H
Deighton, Miss K
Dickson, Major-Gen and Mrs
Ditmas, Capt and Mrs L
Dorain, Miss F
Douglas, Mr G S A
Downing, Mr H
D'Suza Mrs J W
Drummond, Col L G, and Mrs
Dunbar, Mrs H M
Danningham, Miss
Dunningham, Miss M
Dumanoir, Mrs
Dumanoir, Mr
Eden, Mr and Mrs
Elliott, Hon Mrs
Elliott, Mrs
Ellis, Mr and Mrs F
Emery, Mr R B
Fanlay, Mr J F
Fiske, Mr and Mrs B M
Flavelle, Mr E
Fordyce, Mr T K
Ford, Miss
Foster, Rev K G
Fowler, Miss E
Fowler, Miss J M
Fowler, Mrs
Fowlor, Mr J M
Franks, Mrs A
Funk, Miss A
Fuller, Mr R E
Gamble, Mrs
Gardner, Mrs and infant
Garland, Mr R
Gedney, Miss
Gibson, Mr W
Gillman, Mr and Mrs H W
Glegion, Mr J S J
Glew, Mr W W
Glynn Mrs
Goddard, Mrs R E
Graham, Mr C A
Graham, Miss
Grandby, Mr G
Green, Mrs G F and child
Greenbrough Mr E L
Green, Mr T E
Grove, Miss
Guyther, Mrs F E
Hanna, Mr and Mrs R F
Hargreavs, Mr F H
Hawkins, Mr and Mrs A
Hazell, Mr T
Henderson, Mrs M
Heyden, Miss G
Hill, Miss A
Hill, Mrs S C
Hoderne, Mr J
Hudson, Capt J H
Hugston, Mr and Mrs W D
Illingworth, Mr B
Irwin, Mrs
Isom, Rev T J
James, Mr and Mrs J S and 2 children
Jennings, Mr Geo
Johnston, Mrs and 3 children
Johnston, Miss M
Johnstone, Mrs and infant
Johnstone, Miss M
Johnston, Mr W H
Jones, Mr and Mrs C
Joyce, Mrs
Karanja Mr K N
Keatob, Mr P E
Keay, Mr Seymour
Kelly, Mr F S
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Kenny, Mr S L
Kerr, Mr M
Kettridge, Rev A E
Khan, Mr V
Khambata, Mr D K
Kiddle, Mr S
Kiernander, Mr and Mrs F D
King, Miss H
King, Mr W H
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Macgregor, Mr and Mrs W D
Macgregor, Mrs and infant
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Mackenzie, Capt H L W
Mackenzie, Mr and Mrs C S T, and 8 children
Major, Mr and Mrs
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Major, Mrs W
Manners, Miss F
Mansfield, Lt E C
Marshall, Mr G
Marshall, Hon Mrs
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Mason, Mr A E W
Mausur, Miss
Mayne, Mr A R S
Mcalpin, Mr D
Mchols, Miss M
McKinney, Mr and Miss L J
Menkle, Dr and Mrs H C
Millard, Mr F C
Millard, Mr F C
Morgan, Mr W
Mount, Miss W
Murry, Mr and Mrs T
Nainby, Miss
Neildcook, Dr J
Newton, Mr C G
Nolan, Mr and Mrs J H and Miss
Nicoll, Miss M
O'Berne, Miss G
Oberholizd, Dr O
Ommaney, Mr F M
Osborne, Mr J
Owen, Mrs H
Palmer, Rt Hon G W and Mrs
Park, Miss B
Paterson, Miss M O
Paterson, Miss S O
Peebles, Dr
Pearce, Mr F H
Pellew, Mr
Plunkett, Miss F
Poole, Miss P
Portal, Miss M
Porter, Mr H E J
Portlock, Mr and Mrs F P
Priestly, Miss
Procter, Mrs J F
Procter, Miss C J
Rainfield, Mr C
Rayner, Miss M
Rayner, Miss E
Reed, Miss
Reilly, Mr S J
Robertson, Mr A
Robson, Mr and Mrs H T
Richardson, Mr A
Richardson, Mr R G
Ridgeley, Miss
Rutherford, Mr E W R
Ryder, Mrs C H and infant
Seager, Mr A H
Searle, Mrs P C
Sellar, Miss
Sherrock, Mrs and infant
Shortland, Mr V
Smart, Miss N
Smith, Mr R H
Smith, Sir R F
Stace, Mr J
Steward, Mr G
Stewart, Mr A F
Sulliwan, Mr J H
Tarner, Mrs B
Tate Mr N
Taylor, Mr S B
Teatman, Capt
Tipple, Mrs
Toll, Mr C H
Toll, Mr R W
Treat, Mr F J
Trenor, Miss D
Truman, Lt C W
Turner, Miss
Turner, Sir M
Turner, Lady and Miss
Van Praag, Mr Emile
Van Praag, Mr A
Vickey Mr C N
Vile, Mr E A
Vivian, Capt C A
Vivian, Mrs
Ward Mr R L
Ward, Mr and Mrs T J
Ward, Mr and Mrs A H
Warner, Mr H N
Webster, Miss J
Wellrel, Mr P
Wenistrin, Miss L
Whiffen, Mr T G
Whiffen, Mr T J
Whittell, Mrs
Whitehead, Mr P
White, Mr and Mrs J C
Wiggin, Misses
Williams, Mr J
Wilson, Mrs H J
Wilson, Miss
Young, Mrs W E
Zeliner, Mrs and Miss
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TWO MORE FIRES.

On Wednesday night, two more fires broke out, besides the one in the Alliance Mills, an account of which has already been published. The blow-room of the Hindustan Mills situated on the Ripon Road, caught fire, but it being happily discovered in time, was soon put out, though not till a damage to the extent of Rs. 2,000 was done. The cause of the fire is said to be spontaneous combustion. Early this morning at about halfpast three o'clock a fire was reported to have broken out in a one-storeyed house belonging to one Haji Issa Haji Ismail, standing in the Agripada Cross Lane. The house was being occupied by a man dealing in rags and bones, in whose stock in trade the fire originated. An alarm was raised and the fire steamers were quickly on the scene, but they could do very little for the want of water in the municipal mains. The fire was got under control by five o'clock in the morning. The damage is estimted at Rs. 1,500. The cause of the fire is not known

SAD END OF THREE HINDU LADS.

Three Hindu children, Bhikhoo Rama, Gunpat Krishna and Tookaram Rama, the oldest being about four years of age, were standing and playing on the trap-door of a municipal cesspool at Ferguson Road, yesterday, when suddenly it gave way and the three children fell into the cess-pool, wherein they disappeared. Subsequently the cess-pool was dragged and the bodies of the three children as well as the trap door were brought out. Mr. P. Byrne, the Coroner for Bombay, conducted an enquiry and a verdict of accidental death was recorded.

HOME REMITTANCES.

The Treasury Calcutta 3rd December 1906.

The Weekly Memorandum of Remittances to the Home Treasury of Council Bills:—

Amount to be remitted during 1906-7 ......£17,300,000
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The Bombay Gazette.

FRIDAY, DEC. 21, 1906.

JUNAGADH AND ITS LATE DEWAN.

THE visit of the Governor to Junagadh may be taken to imply that His Excellency will make the most of the opportunity to mark the improvement in the administration of that long unfortunate State. He may also learn enough of its past history to force him to the conclusion that more investigations than that which was recently conducted are necessary and that it is possible to devise more constitutional means of carrying out investigations than were resorted to in the case of the ex-Naib Dewan, Mr, Purshotumrai Sunderji Zala. From Kathiawar we have received an almost incredibly long list of allegations against various State officials, everyone of which is doubtless known to Government. In the case of Mr. Purshotumrai his property in Junagadh has been confiscated, perhaps properly so, but also perhaps not. Besides points of law involved in it, there are also points of public importance, which require ventilation. One of the latter is as to the duty of the Paramount Power in relation to the general administration and good government of Native States. Then the manner in which the inquiry was held calls for consideration, and yet another point to which legal gentlemen will express widely divergent views—whether the guilt of Mr. Purshotumrai can be held to have been proved by the evidence adduced before the Commission. As to the first point it is beyond dispute that the Paramount Power is bound to see that the Native States are properly administered and in recognition of that duty Government insists on the nomination to a Dewanship being submitted for approval. And a Dewan is therefore entitled to the protection of Government in the event of an attack upon his character, or upon the acts for which he, as Dewan, is responsible. If we take this for granted, then it can scarcely be claimed that the treatment of Mr. Purshotumrai, in the matter of the recent inquiry, was such as he and other similarly highly placed officials were entitled to expect. The case was one of a State prosecution for the alleged embezzlement of State funds and the State itself, by its nominee, sought to be judge. Mr. Purshotumrai was undoubtedly justified in asking for an independent and impartial tribunal composed of officers of the Paramount Power and, as it seems to us, in refusing to appear before any tribunal otherwise constituted. There were precedents for the former course, even in Junagadh, and there was no legitimate objection to such a course being again adopted.

It must also be noted that the application of the accused to appear by Counsel was refused and the attention of Government must again be directed to that fact in considering whether or not Mr. Purshotumrai was given a fair trial and dealt with as he was entitled to be. Furthermore it must be borne in mind that he expressed his willingness to go to Junagadh and to undergo his trial if he received an assurance that he would not be molested and his liberty would not be interfered with. Mr. Purshotumrai might very well have been given this assurance, if only out of consideration for the position he formerly held in the State, but on this point he was again denied—beyond the undertaking that he would "have the same protection as a British subject would get under the British law," while at the same time he was threatened that if he dared go to Junagadh other complaints would be lodged against him at the instance of Jamnadas Virji and that he would have to take his chance as to whether he would enjoy liberty to go about where he pleased in Junagadh or go to jail. We think Mr. Purshotumrai exercised a very wise discretion in staying away. The prosecution made the most of the accused's absence and indeed the Commission was asked to assume his guilt from the very fact that he did not appear to answer the charges. Moreover much evidence was put in and accepted which would have been rejected had the enquiry been other than *ex-parte* and much again that was utterly irrelevant would not have found itself on the record had the inquiry been conducted and the Commission been constituted in the manner we contend they should have been. We need not particularize beyond, perhaps, mentioning the testimony of Bawdinbhai which was that upon the which Commission convicted the accused. His name was never included in the list of material witnesses which the prosecution was bound to furnish to the accused—under the very order appointing the Commission—and it was publicly announced that he would not be called as a witness and that the prosecution would simply rest its case upon Bawdinbhai's books, Yet the Commission itself addressed interrogatories to Bawdinbhai and read out in Court replies, said to be his, but, as we are assured, not attested by him or sealed with his seal.

The procedure with regard to Bawdinbhai alone damns the whole inquiry. It was not intended that Mr. Purshotumrai should be tried by inquisition but according to the tenets of British justice. On that ground, and on that ground alone, ought the finding of the Commissionto be set aside, even if the evidence were above suspicion. But beyond the testimony—irregularly tendered, even if tendered at all—there was nothing to show that the accused misappropriated the money, or that it even belonged to the Government. The evidence of fourteen witnesses was taken, yet not the whole of it put together justifies the finding. Indeed it tends to prove, if anything, that the money Mr. Purshotumrai was charged with misappropriating was devoted to the "Behetari of the Raj"—for the benefit of the Government, with the knowledge of the Nawab Saheb himself. It is, and has been, freely asserted that the case was merely one got up by the enemies of Purshotumrai, with the connivance of the Nawab Saheb for the purpose of prosecuting Purshotumrai. It is unfortunate that in face of this allegation, which cannot but have reached the ears of the Junagadh authorities, there was not a more unmistakable semblance of fair play and a desire to secure the fullest justice to the accused person who for twenty years enjoyed the confidence of the State and of the Agents to Government. We approved neither of the Commission nor its procedure and as to the manner in which its decision was carried into effect—that seems to be clearly a case in which the Paramount Power is called upon to intervene. If a Native State is allowed to seize forcibly the property of any of its subjects except in due course of law no one will be safe ; moreover, disaffection will certainly be engendered. By no rule of law or principle of jurisprudence in any civilised country can a person recover a claim through the instrumentality of a Criminal Court. Forfeiture of property for certain well-defined offences is allowable, but there is no law by which Government property, alleged to have been embezzled, can be recovered by attaching other property of the accused. Yet, according to our Kathiawar correspondent, not only has Junagadh confiscated the property of Mr. Purshotumrai, but also the property of several others, among them Bhupatrai Trikamjee, the late State Vakil at the Court of the Agent to the Governor in Kathiawar. All these matters demand attention. There may have been abuses in Junagadh as in many another Native States and it is indisputably necessary that they shall be rectified. But it is equally essential that the process of rectification shall proceed on strictly constitutional lines and that both law and equity shall be most carefully observed.

CANALS IN ENGLAND. THE Royal Commission on the Canals and Inland Navigations of the United Kingdom is establishing a record in the promptitude with which it has tackled its subject. Appointed in March it had by the middle of June issued a list of suggested heads of evidence comprising the defects or other obstacles now in the way of full benefit from existing waterways ; the desirability of constructing new or enlarging existing waterways ; the question of local contribution, in money on contruction, towards attaining such objects ; the preference of local traders for the carriage of foods by the body controlling the waterways or by other carriers ; the possibility of an amalgamation of the canal companies and the methods that might be employed ; the establishment of an improved national canal system either under amalgamated, local or State control ; and the varying advantages of the three different forms of control. The mere enumeration of the variety of issues examined would fill the greater part of one of these columns. Colonel Sir Herbert Jekyll, Assistant Secretary of the Railway Department of the Board of Trade, the first witness called, gave in brief narrative the early history of canals, attributing the Fossdyke, now owned by the Great Northern and Great Eastern Railway Companies jointly, and connecting Lincoln with the Trent, to the Romans. From the days of the Roman occupation down to the present time, the Blue Book proceeds in leisurely fashion through the centuries, eliciting all that is known of the birth, development, and, in most cases, subsequent decay of each enterprise, and the reasons that account for each successive stage of its existence. We are told about the Aire and Calder, dating from the late seventeenth century, and the Weaver, from the early eighteenth, with a due reference to the great Bridgwater undertaking, the success of which led to the promotion of a host of other schemes, all of which prospered until about 1845, when the railway began to absorb them. The remaining record is not such pleasant reading, but is the very essence of the object of the inquiry, and will form the subject of whatever recommendations the Commission may presently think proper to submit. The Commission evidently intend to get to the vary bottom of the subject and they have been assisted in every way by experts. What the result will be it is difficult to say, for on the evidence already given, alone, it would be unwise to attempt to lay down any particular policy as the best. The great mistake has been that the canals have ever been allowed to fall into desuetude owing to the new-found value of railways. The great need is to find the best way to bring the waterways once more into use, for there would seem to be not the slightest doubt that the canals will prove valuable to the agriculturist who is hampered, at present, by the heavy charges necessary to make the railways sufficiently profitable. From the business-like manner in which the Commission has conducted the first part of its labours it is safe to predict that it will come to a thoroughly business-like conclusion.

THE CULT OF THE MOTOR-BOAT. EVERY dog has its day ; so has every sport. A couple of decades ago the bicycle craze began, and the famous ditty "A bicycle made for two" reflected the hold which the small-wheeled machine which succeeded the old fashioned high bicycle took upon the public. Later on came the motor-car, which still retains its place in public affection, largely, like the bicycle, because it is an item of great utility as well as of pleasure. The car is now being succeeded by the motor-boat, though, of course, the latter is only occasionally of use as a commercial asset. But to those who love a life on the rolling deep the motor-boat is a thing of beauty and a joy for ever. It puts the dinghy and the bunder—boat in the shade. It swishes through the surf, and dodges and doubles round mail-boats, lighthouses and transport vessels at a rate never attainable in any other kind of craft. It fills the heart with the *joie de vivre*, and the lungs with ozone, and the eyes with salt spray, and seems to bid defiance to the angry waves, and to chortle in its triumph over the winds and the tides. And nowhere perhaps can the graceful pirouetting of a motor-boat better be seen than from the Bunder wall of Bombay Harbour. Crowds of people just now are gathering every evening at the Gate of India to watch the spectacle of a motor-boat circling round and about the numerous craft in these waters. It has been brought out by Mr. Haydn White, of the Mitcham Motor Co., of Cowes, Isle of Wight. It is a dainty little craft, and its graceful movement, and the rapidity with which it negociates the width of the Harbour, forces one to the conclusionthat the day is not far distant when the wealthy residents of Bombay will quit the city for the islands opposite, and make the journey when necessary by motor-boat. Mr. White's craft did the journey between Bombay and Elephanta the other day in thirty-seven minutes. It often takes the same time to get out of London the same distance by train ; and seeing that few spots in this best of all possible worlds can be more favourable to motor-boating than Bombay Harbour, it is surprising that the cult has not achieved a wider popularity than it has. Anyhow,a trip across the Harbour in Mr. White's boat is sufficient to convince any lover of the sea that Elysium is within his reach—if he has money enough.

THE PANAMA CANAL. THE Honourable William Howard Taft, the United States Secretary for War, paved the way for President Roosevelt's message on the subject of the Panama Canal, in an article he contributed the other day to a leading American magazine. The President is confident that it will be successfully constructed, so is Mr. Taft, though the latter gentleman recognises there are many difficulties to be overcome, and that there is danger both from earthquakes and dynamite. The great problem is the disposition of the waters of the Charges river and its tributaries. At the point, where the Chagres valley and the Canal diverge, the river discharges in the dry season as low a volume as 300 cubic feet a second, but in times of flood as much as 80,000 has been recorded. Care will have to be taken that the canal is not overwhelmed. Mr. Roosevelt is reported to have rebuked those who doubt the possibility of success. "Graft" and corruption which flourish so luxuriously on American soil must not be overlooked, but Mr. Taft declares there is no sign of either yet. What they have most to fear, he believes, is malicious and unjustifiable criticism of sensation-mongers who also thrive remarkably well in the States. Beyond this the States Government and the engineers fear nothing—not even earthquakes.

THE POLITICAL SITUATION. THE Liberal Press at Home insists on an anti-Lords campaign, though it is asserted—also by a Liberal journal—that there is more satisfaction than distress that the Education Bill is dead. If the Liberal leaders consider their position as strong as it was in the beginning of the year when their party was returned to power, they will promptly appeal to the constituencies and make the abolition of the House of Lords and the Disestablishment of the English Church the two planks in their platform. Whether they will however, is very doubtful. The British public—even the labouring section of it—dearly loves a Lord and popular feeling will not at the present time either abolish or reform the Upper House, whatever may be its defects and shortcomings. And, while the House of Peers remains on its present footing, it will be impossible to bring about the disestablishment of the Church. Yet there is only one alternative to an appeal to the country—to sit down and accept defeat at the hands of the Upper House,—which is the course which will be more probably taken.

*** ON Christmas morning we shall issue with each copy of the *Bombay Gazette* a Special Literary Supplement, containing five complete new stories by popular authors and a number of original articles, the whole forming a delightful budget of Christmas reading. It is not the intention of the conductors of this journal to offer any copies of the Supplement for sale, but to present them gratis to subscribers and purchasers of the *Gazette* of December 25 only. Orders should therefore be sent in to the publisher without delay.

THE hired Transport "Plassey" is expected to arrive in Bombay from Southampton with drafts and furloughmen, on the afternoon of the 26th instant.

MR. WILKINSON, Under-Secretary, Foreign Department, has left on Combined Leav, on relief by Mr. Self from the N. W. I. Province.

THE Austrian Lloyd's s.s. "Austria," from Trieste, left Karachi on the evening of the 19th instant and is due here on the 22nd instant at daybreak.

THE P. and O. Company's s.s. "Oriental" with the homeward Mails of the 15th instant arrived at Aden at 8 p. m. on Wednesday.

THE P. and O. Company's s. s. "Mongolia" with the outward Mails of the 14th instant left Suez at 8 a.m. on Thursday.

HIS HIGHNESS the Maharajah of Mysore and family left Bangalore last night for Calcutta.

Mr. E. HUNT is appointed, an Assistant Locomotive Superintendent and posted to the Eastern Bengal State Railway.

DURING the week ending on the 18th of December twelve chests of opium were removed from warehouse in Bombay of these five were shipped to Cutch Mandvi, five were purchased by the farmer at Sholapur and two by the farmer at Gondal. During the same period 48 chests were imported from Indore and 50 from Ahmedabad.

THE total number of deaths registered in Bombay during the week ending December 18th was 595, giving a death-rate of 37·99 per annum per thousand as against 43·42 the corresponding period of last year, and 46·37 the average over the past five years. Of the total number 57 died from fevers ; 13, plague ; 1, small-pox ; 1, measles ; 4, cholera ; 3, leprosy ; 59, phthisis ; 30, diseases of the nervous system ; 170, affections of the respiratory organs ; 51, diarrhœa ; 14, dysentery ; 28, still-born ; 83, old age and debility ; 8, accidents and violence. The classified list of deaths showe :—Jain, 10 ; Brahmin, 18 ; Bhattia, 1 ; Hindu of other caste, 281 ; Hindu low caste, 66 ; Musalman, 143 ; Parsee, 20 ; Jew, 5 ; Native Christian 19 ; European, 2 ; Negro-African 1 and Buddhist 1. The total number of births was 411 as against 536 the corresponding period of last year, and 447 the average over the past five years.

THE inquiry which has been conducted at Tokio touching the destruction of Admiral Togo's flagship "Mikasa" by a mysterious explosion on the 12th September, 1905, has exhonerated the Officers and crew of the ship. The sinking of the vessel is officially attributed to an explosion caused by the decomposition of chemicals.

SIR CHARLES WYNDHAM has confided to a *Chronicle* representative that his school has been the simple one of experience in front of the public. "Certainly I learnt a good deal from the French stage, and notis little too from Lester Wallack, the American ; but, if you ask me, I should say that there are just three things that can help to teachia young actor his art. They are—nature, the audience, and the tyranny of the stage manager. Any other kind of school seems to me very little use."

UNUSUAL interest centred in the Annual Meeting, held in Glasgow last month, of the H. J. and P. Coats Thread Combine, as rumour had been busy predicting a distribution of the reserve capital of three and a half millions sterling on a valuable capitalisation scheme. Mr. A. Coats, Chairman, in proposing a 20 per cent. dividend and a 5 per cent. bonus, said the Directors had received enquiries from shareholders asking whether preferred stockholders would participate in a distribution of reserves. His answer was that the Directors thought such a distribution could not serve any useful purpose. Messrs. Coats' profit for the first five years following the amalgamation averaged £1,800,000 per annum and that of the subsequent five years £2,200,000.

KARACHI NOTES AND NEWS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

KAKACHI DECEMBER, 16.

The following judgment delivered by Mr. E. M. Pratt, I.C.S., Additional Judicial Commissioner, would seem to show that for ways that are dark and tricks that are political, the Indian is as apt as could be wished by any political-boss or caucus-monger on the western shores of the herring pond.

"This is an application by a Voter in Ward No. 9 of the Karachi Municipality under section 22 of the Bombay District Municipal Act to set aside the Election of one Rahimtulla Lutifali as Councillor of that Ward.

The application proceeds on the grounds that (1) the opposing candidate Rahimtulla Ramzan withdrew on the day of the election.

(2) The Polling Officer closed the Poll before the time fixed by the Collector.

(3) The elected candidate committed a corrupt practice on the night before the election.

The third ground has not been pressed and no evidence has been called in support of it.

Mr. Dipchand has proceeded only on the first two grounds. It is admitted that while the election was proceeding, Rahimtulla Ramzan intimated his withdrawal to the Polling Officer who then closed the poll. Mr Dipchand argues that Rahimtulla Ramzan had no right to withdraw after being nominated, for a condition of his nomination is, under Rule 13, that he must signify his willingness to serve. This argument assumes that election is a matter of contract between the candidate and the voters. This is not so, and if it were, no councillor could withdraw after Election. The right to be elected does not arise *ex contractu*. It is as said in I.L.R. 24 Cal. 107 "a civil right of a most important description" and belongs to every person justified under this Act. There is also no doubt that the right may be waived at any time. I quite appreciate the argument that by an agreement between the candidates a large proportion of the voters might be deprived of their franchise and a candidate elected of whom the majority of the voters disapproved. But a decision that a candidate cannot withdraw after nomination would not remedy this abuse. The same object would be effected if the candidate notified at the Polling station that he did not intend to serve if elected. The question has been decided in a former judgment of this court to which my attention has been directed Mis. No. 3 of 1894 and I agree with the opinion expressed by Mr. Hart Davies that the proper remedy lies with the voters who should not nominate a man capable of playing them such a trick.

The second ground is clearly untenable, for once there ceased to be a contest there was no Election and no necessity for recording votes.

It is said that this application has been made on public grounds, but, as the applicant has made allegation of corrupt practice which he has not been able to justify, he must pay costs.

I dismiss the application with costs and confirm the Election of the opponent Rahimtulla Lutifali."

THE CONGRESS.

The following have been appointed to attend the Congress from Karachi :—Messrs. Harchandrai Vishandas, Jaffer Fuddoo, Thakurdas Fatehchand, Wadhumal Fatehchand, Chandumal Chellaram, Hirdaram Mewaram, Cowasji Bomanji Sethna, Sunderdas Walabdas, Rewachand Fatehchand, Ratanchand Fatehchand, Rewachand Ramrukhiomal, Tiritbdas Chandumal, Runchoredas Pitamberdas, Hasomal Chellaram, Chhaganlal Hergovinddas, Kalumal P. Nasta, Chellaram Hemandas Loda, Ghandumal Ramrakhiamal, Tuljaram Tilumal, Lokaram Chellaram, Framroze Kursedji Sethna.

To call it an "election" would be an abuse of language. Everyone willing to pay his expenses was deputed to attend, and the list contains few if any names of prominent and representative men.

A CONGRESS-MAN AND HIS OWN FOLK

The above Mr. Jaffer Fuddoo, Editor of the *Phœnix* seems to have poor opinion of the Indian people. Quite recently, in commenting on a case of outrage, he warned people generally against leaving their children in the care of Indian servants. Again, when engaged in some religious controversy with his erstwhile sect, which was excommunicating him, he declared the sentence was passed merely for the purpose of procuring his death at the hands of some fanatic. He also threw himself upon the protection of those British officials which the Congress wishes to replace with its own nominees, here seems a certain amount of incousistency in Mr. Jaffer Fuddoo's position. However, he is willing to lay down his life for his ideas, since on his own showing his life would not be work 24 hours' purchase if the aims of the Congress were realised !

LAHORE AND KARACHI MAIL SERVICE.

At a meeting of the Managing Committee of the Karachi Chamber of Commerce, held on the 11th instant, a telegram was read, dated 6th instant, from the Traffic Superintendent, North-Western Railway, Lahore, replying to the Chamber's telegram of the 4th idem, communicating to him the Committee's Resolutionjof the same date. The Traffic Superintendent wired as follows :—"Hope to start 7 Up later after double line is in working order as advised in my letter No. 104/936, T. T. of 29th March 1906, your reply 289 of 5th April 1906. Regarding 8 Down, train in connection leaves Amritsar 18-0, and arrives Lahore 19-15, leaves Rawalpindi at 8-0, arrives Lahore 17-34, leaves Peshawar at 23-0, arrives Lahore 12-15 or 17-34. The Simla and Delhi connection is maintained by train leaving at 11-57 and arriving at Karachi 11-20. The advertisement and time tables are now ready for the press and I shall be glad to receive Chamber's reply by wire."

The following resolution was then passed :—The Committee are of opinion that the departure of the No. 7 Up Mail should not take place earlier than at present and would urge that at 7-30 or 8 p.m. departure from Karachi would be much more convenient to the mercantile community. With regard to the timing of the proposed No. 8 Down Mail, the Committee welcome the acceleration in the service, but opinions are divided regarding the advantages of a night arrival in Karachi. As the proposed timing apparently offers no disadvantages from a postal point of view, the Committee will be glad to see it introduced from the 1st January at any rate as a trial. The Traffic Superintendent, North-Western Railway, to be informed accordingly by wire.

Whatever the doubts of the above body as to the advantages of a night arrival in Karachi, the Chairman, the Hon. Mr. M. de. P. Webb has no doubt at all as to its disadvantageousness, and as head of the firm that manages the Ellerman Lines through-passenger service, Mr. Webb's ideas clearly stated as usual, in the *Sind Gazette* are deserving of attention. His first objections are that 11 p. m., is a miserable time for the arrival of all birds of passage and causes the mails to lie eight hours in the post office, thereby rendering useless the speedier service. "Not only will the mails lie a whole night in Karachi undelivered, but this valuable time will be lost to every business centre in Sind and to most markets in the Punjab which correspond with this Port. To Karachi import houses and to all firms and individuals upcountry who buy from Karachi, this wholly unnecessary waste of time will be a serious inconvenience, and will tend to handicap the port in competition with Bombay and Calcutta. Delhi, the largest commercial centre in Northern India, will not connect with the new fast mail service at all apparently, but will have an even slower mail connection with Karachi than at present ! Our trade connections with Delhi may not at present be so large or remunerative as some of us would like, but intercourse with the commercial capital of Northern India is hardly likely to be stimulated by a mail service that takes nearly two days to convey an invoice or specification between Delhi and its nearest seaport Karachi."

Nearest is here used in its geographical sense, not with reference to Railway mileage. Here is a comparative table showing the distance (railway mileage) and time taken for the delivery of land mails, allowing in the case of Karachi for the 8 hours between the actual arrival delivery :—

		Distance Miles	Time hrs.	minutes.
Delhi	to Calcutta	954	31	10
do,	to Bombay	849	33	50
do,	to Karachi	907	42	10
Lahore	to Karachi	784	35	5
Rawalpindi	to Karachi	963	42	20
Umballa	to Karachi	971	42	10

If the new No. 8 mail arrived in time for the postal deliveries to be made that same day and with a little bit better despatch than the Post Office now gives the North-Western Railway could pride itself on being an example to every Railroad in the Peninsula for good mail-work

INOCULATION AGAINST PLAGUE.

At the ordinary general meeting of the Municipality held on the 4th instant, it was resolved that as recommended by the Managing Committee the inoculation of the menial staff of the health department should be continued and that a reward of 4 annas should be given to every person inoculated. It was pointed out that the results of the experiment have been so far very satisfactory, the mortality among the uninoculated being 62,50 and among the inoculated only 18.18. Pundit Sahijram Ganghadhardas said that he would willingly submit to inoculation as an example to his own community. The question of calling a public meeting was left unsettled, but if a few more leading native gentlemen will only influence their communities after the Pundit's fashion public meetings will be works of supererogation.

A SOLDIER'S DEATH.

The Cantonment Magistrate held an enquiry at the Station Hospital on Wednesday, 5th instant, regarding the sudden death of Sergt. Cove of the South Wales Borderers. The deceased was admitted into the hospital on the Friday before and was under treatment for fever. He, however, died suddenly on Sunday night, and it is suspected that he poisoned himself. A *post mortem* examination was held and the contents of the stomach, etc., sent to the Chemical Analyser of the Government of Bombay whose report is awaited. Early last month a case of criminal trespass was filed against the deceased and a Private of the same company by the Municipal Sanitary Inspector. This resulted in the City Magistrate convicting Sergt, Cove and inflicting a fine of Rs. 50. The Military authorities then took action and orders had been issued reducing him to the ranks. The whole affair is the more unfortunate as the late Sergt. Cove was to leave the regiment shortly and proceed to England by the next transport.

THE PRESIDENCY BANKS ACT.

The following paragraph appeared in the *Sind Gazette* of the 7th December putting right a misrepresentation formerly made by inadvertency :—

Our attention has been called by the Secretary of the Chamber ofCommerce to an error in our editorial on the Presidency Banks Act, published on Nov, 23rd. The paragraph ran "The Bengal and the Karachi Chambers of Commerce have now both expressed to Government their regret at the absence of such provision enabling the Banks to borrow in London and the Karachi Chamber has requested to be favoured with the considrations which have led to the exclusion from the Bill of this privilage." While the Karachi Chamber realise that the scarcity of loanable capital in India in the busy season leads to an excessive stringency of the money market, which would be relieved if the prohibition on borrowing in London were removed, they recognise that Government may have reasons for their refusal so powerful as to override purely commercial considerations. They, therefore, did not commit themselves to a definite opinion on the subject, or express regret but simply requested that the grounds for the prohibition, whatever they were, should be made public. This is a most reasonable request, which we hope will be acceded to by Government. In the absence of any statement of the Government's reasons it is only natural to infer that they are not of any valne.

It seems implied from the above that the Karachi Chamber of Commerce would like to see the restrictions withdrawn. Such, however, is hardly the view of the average business man nor would it be endorsed by a full Chamber meeting. The Bombay Bank here has a monopoly of Government accounts and to a great extent of the accounts of well-paid Government officials. Its utility begins and ends there. As far as businessmen are concerned the institution might be unrepresented here, and none a penny the worse. It is the chief Exchange Banks, the National, the Mercantile and the Chartered that matter, and no one would wish the Presidency Bank to be enabled to bungle the work that they so efficiently perform.

KATHIAWAR NOTES.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MORVI, DECEMBER 17.

Mr. R.M. Kennedy, Revenue Commissioner, Northern Division, handed over charge of his office to Mr Doderett on the 15th instant and assumed his duties a Special Commissioner on the same day.

The Special Commissioner held his first sitting on the afternoon of the 15th instant. Jamnagar, the plaintiff in the Naolakhi Bandar case, was represented before him by Messrs. Maniram Ambaram, Gulabrai Vajeshanker, Vakil Somchand Karamchand, B. A., L. L. B. and Kalyanji Hirji, Jodya Mahalkari; while the defendant, the Morvi State, by Mr. Ranchhorlal Vandrawandas Pahvari, B. A., L. L. B., and Chief Minister, Palanpur State. Messrs. Chunilal Amratlal and Laxmishanker, Political Sheristedar, appeared for the Cutch State. Written statements were filed by the Morvi State representative and a list of evidence by the Jamnagar State. The former State is required to file its list of evidence on Monday, the 17th. Issues will be framed on the 18th when Mr. H. A. Wadya, Barrister-at-law, is expected to appear on behalf of Jamnagar.

On behalf of the Cutch State it was urged that they did not wish to become a party before the Commission in both the Naolakhi and Jhinjhola cases. In the Jhinjhola case (between Jamnagar and Cutch) Cutch would not even file a statement of its claims and rights with respect to that port, on the plea that they had been finally and authoritatively settled.

The news that H. H. the Rao of Cutch objects to the connection of Bombay with Karachi by the construction of a Railway line through his territory, has taken up the mercantile community of both Cutch and Kathiawar with despair and surprise. The Cutch subjects, who form an important portion of the mercantile community, both in Bombay and abroad, have from time to time advocated the advantages of a line through Cutch in their memorials to the Local and Imperial Governments. The advantages are too numerous and cannot be overrated. It is universally admitted on all sides that the line through the Cutch territory is the most preferable route and Cutch's attitude in demurring to the scheme is therefore simply inexplicable and without a precedent in the political annals of modern civilisation. The construction of a line through Cutch, coupled with a tramway which the enterprising Estate of Morvi may be desired to lay, connecting its possessions in Wagar with the nearest Station of such Railway, is a great desideratum from all points of view, and the public interests peremptorily demand that the British Government, who invariably promote the extension of Railways through the Native States, will somehow prevail upon the Rao of Cutch to shake off the old traditions of his State.

ARRIVAL OF THE TRANSPORT "SOUDAN."

THE hired Transport "Soudan," under the command of Captain S. de Be Leckyer, arrived in harbour on Wednesday night, from Taku, which port she left on the 13th November, and called at Hongkong, Singapore, Madras, and Colombo en route. From the latter port she brought the 2nd Battalion Worcestershire Regiment and details consisting of 24 officers, 4 ladies, 3 children, 11 warrant officers, 5 women, and 5 children, 721 non-commissioned officers and men, 16 women, and 22 children. The troops were landed at the Sassoon Dock and despatched to Ahmednagar, in two special troop trains. The following are the names of officers :—

WORCESTERSHIRE REGIMENT.

Col and Mrs E C J Williams and daughter	Capt W B Gibbs
Major and Mrs Peacock	Lieut T K Storey
Major Sanders	Lieut W L Newcombe
Major and Mrs Cayley	Lieut W F O Fairell
Major and Qr-Mr and Mrs Ralston and 2 daughters	Lieut B G S Clarke
Capt. Bartholomew	Lieut T K Pardoe
Capt. R K W Bacon	2nd Lieut Pichaugill Cunliffe
Capt. M R Carr	2nd Lieut R P Dobson
Capt. S C Dorman	2nd Lieut A L Wrenford
Capt. and Adjt. W. G. Tarbet	2nd Lieut W J C Cooke
	2nd Lieut Gillum Webb

MISCELLANEOUS LIST.

Lieut-Col Josling	Capt Monteal
Lieut-Col Sparkes	

NEW VOLCANIC ISLAND.

Sudden appearance off Burma.

The Inspector of Lighthouses wires from Kyankpya to the Port Officer at Rangoon that a series of volcanic eruptions has resulted in the upheaval of a large island twelve miles from the Beacon, being thirty-six degrees west of north The volcano is still active.

The rugged coast of the Arakan Peninsula forms, it may be said, the eastern limit of the Bay of Bengal, and in one of its promontories stands Kyank-pyu—and more to the westward of this are the great range of mountains called the Arakan Yoma. There are several little islands scattered about this coast line, most of which are volcanic.

COMMISSIONER Booth-Tucker, of the Salvation Army, had an interview with H. E. the Governor of Ceylon at Queen's House on the 15th instant on the subject of peopling the waste lands of the north of Ceylon, his idea being that people from congested parts of India should be transported thither. We are told that he received expressions sympathy.

DEATH OF THE EDUCATION BILL.

LORDS DEMAND THEIR AMENDMENTS.

Warning and a Protest.

DEFINITE ANNOUNCEMENT EXPECTED.

AGITATION FOR AN ANTI-LORDS CAMPAIGN.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, DECEMBER 19.

In the House of Lords, to-night, a motion protesting against the House of Commons' procedure in connection with the Education Bill, was adopted by 138 against 52.

Lord Lansdowne then introduced a Resolution that the House insists on their amendments to the Education Bill. This means that the Bill is dead.

The Cabinet discussed the Education Bill this afternoon and the Unionist leaders conferred at Lord Lansdowne's residence.

SMALLER MEASURES TO BE PASSED.

LONDON, DECEMBER 20.

The Lords' have decided not to insist upon the amendments to the Trades Disputes Bill and have read a third time the Workman's Compensation and Land Tenure Bills.

The House of Commons have rejected two of the Lords amendments to the Town Tenants in Ireland Bill.

Lord Lansdowne's motion insisting upon the Lords' amendments to the Education Bill has been adopted by 133 against 52 votes.

Lord Crewe said Government had offered substantial concessions but there was an unbridgeable gulf and he laid on the Opposition the responsibility of wrecking the Bill.

The Archbishop of Canterbury said it would be better to have no Bill than one marred with such blemishes.

The Duke of Devonshire voted with the Government.

STRAINED LOYALTY.

["EMPIRE" SPECIAL.]

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 20.

There is more satisfaction than distress among the Liberals that the Education Bill is dead. The Government's last concessions exceeded the Non-Conformist limits and greatly strained their loyalty to the party.

The Earl of Crewe warned the Peers that such terms will never be offered again while the Duke of Devonshire protested against the wrecking of the Bill.

It is understood that the Premiar will, to-day, introduce a specific motion condemning the action of the Lords.

The Liberal Press insists on an anti-Lords campaign.

Lord Lansdowne's statement of policy may be summarized as follows :—

(1) Religious instruction to be obligatory—i.e., Clause 1 to remain as amended.

(2) Local authorities to have freedom to take over existing schools or not subject to an appeal to the Commission.

(3) Five days a week "facilities" put in Clause 3 at the instance of the Bishop of Oxford to be abandoned, and two days a week restored.

(4) "Facilities" to be possible in council schools in any area if children requiring them "cannot conveniently attend" a denominational school.

(5) "A majority" of the parents which was substituted for the "four-fifths" of the Bill to be altered to "two-thirds of those voting."

(6) The "other accommodation" for the minority child to be either "in the school or elsewere." This will do away with the necessity of a second school in any area where extended facilities are granted.

(7) Clauses 4 to remain mandatory, subject to an appeal to the Commission of Three.

(8) Mr Birrell's new conscience clause to be kept out of the Bill.

(9) Teachers in both "facilities" and "extended facilities" schools to be permitted to take part in the denominational teaching.

(10) Two-thirds of the membership of "local education committees" receiving powers from county councils to consist of elected persons.

(11) Welsh Clause to be kept out of the Bill.

ANOTHER BOMB OUTRAGE.

Two Unsuccessful Attempts.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, DECEMBER 19.

Two bombs were to-day thrown at M. Chrzanowki, Chief of the Police at Lodz while driving in his carriage escorted by six Dragoons. The carriage was smashed, the horse killed and the driver, a policeman and two Dragoons mortally wounded.

M. Chrzanowski was only slightly wounded. His assailants escaped by firing their revolvers.

OVERCROWDED SIMLA.

Government's Prior Claim.

LONDON DECEMBER 19.

Mr. Morley, replying to a question put by Sir John Kennaway regarding the purchase of Constantia at Simla by Government, said the area of Simla was so limited that Government must have the first claim.

Mr. Morley added that he had reason to hope that a friendly settlement would be arrived at by providing the owners with a suitable site elsewhere.

SOUTH AFRICAN FOOTBALLERS.

LONDON, DECEMBER 19.

The South Africans have beaten Surrey by 33 to *nil*.

THE WASHINGTON AMBASSADORSHIP.

Probable Appointment.

["EMPIRE" SPECIAL.]

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 20.

It is considered probable that Mr. Bryce will be appointed British Ambassador at Washington.

THE Hon. Mr. Hare, Lieutenant-Governor of Eastern Bengal and Assam, will arrive in Calcutta on Sunday the 23rd.

THE COLLISION AT CHERBOURG.

German Ship to Blame.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, DECEMBER 20.

In the case arising from the collision between the "Kaiser Wilhelm Grosse" and the "Orinoco" in Cherbourg harbour last month, the British Admiralty Court has given its decision that the "Kaiser Wilhelm Grosse" was alone to blame.

[The collision, it will be remembered, took place outside the roads in the Channel on the night of Wednesday, November 21, a quarter of an hour after the "Kaiser Wilhelm Grosse" had left Cherbourg and started on her way to New York. The steamer carried 268 first class and 680 steerage passengers. There was a thick fog, and the steamer was proceeding cautiously, when another steamer loomed up suddenly directly in front. It was the "Orinoco" which was coming from Southampton to take on passengers at Cherbourg. The engines on both steamers were immediately reversed but before the huge vessels could be brought to a standstill the bow of the "Orinoco" crashed into the forward side of the "Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse," and ripped open a hole of some three or four yards, partly under the water line. The forward part of the ship was crowded with steerage passengers, and four of them were killed outright and about a dozen were injured. The bow of the "Orinoco" was also considerably damaged. The "Kaiser Wilhelm" was at no time in danger, and took in but little water. The steamers, after remaining for some time on the spot and verifying the damages, turned into Cherbourg.

LOSS OF A HAMBURG AMERICAN LINER.

Course Lost for Lack of a Pilot.

CAPTAIN COMMITS SUICIDE.

PASSENGERS SAFE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, DECEMBER 20.

The Hamburg-American liner "Prinzesshen Victoria Luise" with American tourists on board has struck the rocks off Jamaica and has become a total wreck. The Captain was without a pilot and mistook his course. He has since committed suicide

The passengers have all been safely landed.

THE CHURCH IN FRANCE.

Conflict between the Gendarmes and the Mob.

EVACUATION OF RELIGIOUS HOUSES.

LONDON, DECEMBER 20.

Up to the present 105 religious establishments, including 34 episcopal palaces, have been evacuated in France.

Collisions between the mobs and gendarmes have taken place at Grenoble and Nantes. Yesterday on the occasion of the ejection of Prelates many arrests have been made.

MOROCCAN AFFAIRS.

Sultan's Troops Mobilised at Tangier.

LONDON, DECEMBER 20.

Moorish troops, commanded by Guebbas, Minister of War, and Maclean, arrive to-morrow in Camp outside Tangier within the District of Bull Raisuri whose dismissal is again demanded by the Powers owing to his merciless public floggings.

JAPANESE SHIPPING ENTERPRISE.

New Company with Two Million Capital.

LONDON, DECEMBER 20.

The *Times* (Tokio) correspondent states that a new Shipping Company already possessing a fleet of 150,000 tons has been formed in Japan with a capital of two millions sterling with branches in Java, Hongkong, Manila and India.

NATIONAL GOLD RESERVE.

Sir Felix Schuster's Suggestion.

LONDON, DECEMBER 20.

Sir Felix Schuster, addressing the Bankers' Institute, strongly urged legislation with a view to the creation of a National Gold Reserve and suggested that all banks should contribute a certain percentage of their liabilities on current account. This would produce about eight millions. The Government Savings Banks should contribute about four millions; this National Reserve would be placed under the control of a permanent Committee of Bankers.

BLOWING UP OF A STEAMER.

Negroes Killed and Injured.

LONDON, DECEMBER 20.

The steamer "Scovell" loading cotton at Vicksburg, Mississippi, blew up, and a score, mostly Negroes, were killed and a dozen injured.

LADY MINTO FETE.

Issue of the Programme.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 20.

The Programme of the Lady Minto Fete has been issued, and gives the description and location of the various shows and entertainments.

The Lady Presidents of the various stalls are :—
Commerce and Trades—Mrs. Forsyth.
Civil Service—Lady Fraser.
Medical—Mrs. Harris.
Naval and Military—Lady Macdonald.
Viceregal Staff—The Hon'ble Mrs. Adams.

It is hoped that the total expenditure on the fete will not greatly exceed Rs. 50,000 while contributions, sales, advertisements, etc., have already reached Rs. 40,000.

AMRITSAR COMMERCIAL FAILURE.

Statement of "the Civil and Military Gazette."

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LAHORE, DECEMBER 20.

As the result of expert inquiry into the extraordinary series of big commercial failures at Amritsar the *Civil and Military Gazette* publishes the following statement.

"Amritsar has in recent years come to the front as a great distributing centre. It has built a new cloth bazaar; new shops have been opened ; important offices have been attracted and new banks established. The annual turn-over in piece goods alone has doubled in the last five years. Until lately prosperity seemed to reign all round. But to those who know how to look beneath the surface it was possible to detect something weak about the system of finance. The bazaar dealers made several attempts to compel the *Aratias*, who buy on commission for the district men, to pay cash and, where accounts were allowed to run, to pay interest at 7 1/2 per cent with a fixed due date. But the *Aratias* proved too strong for the dealers, and the pernicious system of long credit with a low rate on interest (6 per cent per annum) continued.

Under this system it did not take long to transfer all the working capital of the bazaar to the districts, and the necessity of calling it interest-earning money made the dealers shift about for ways and means. *Hundees* had to be negotiated and for a time met the case. Indeed, so freely was money offered that the discount rate of this paper was at the beginning of the present year as low as 3 per cent per annum. But *Hundees*, while they are useful as emergency agents, are not borne of sound finance, and a day came—three months ago when there was some uneasiness—some unwillingness to renew. The Banks felt that they had had enough for the present, and the bazaar did not want any more. The unstable financial fabrics of a certain influential operator gave way and confidence was shaken. Then followed a collapse of credit. For the last two months business has been at a standstill, and the bazaar is sitting calling in outstandings from the districts and scraping up money to pay off *hundees*. This is a regrettable state of things, and has caused widespread trouble, and Amritsar has received a set back from which it will not recover for a long time.

In the meantime complications are being developed by the deadlock in the Amritsar Market. Goods that thought to be going into consumption, in the season that is on, lie in godowns incurring interest and charges, and post due bills against them are causing anxiety which will extend to shippers at home. From all appearances it will take months for light to penetrate into all the dark corners of Amritsar methods—if illumination be possible at all. When at last some measure of confidence comes to be restored it will be realised that the present system is condemned. But of the permanence of Amritsar as a business centre, there can be no doubt, it has a great future before it. It is surrounded by a prosperous and densely populated country, and it cannot but develop. The long credit system which denudes the bazaar of its working capital will have to be replaced by a system similar to that in vogue at Delhi which compelled the districts to find the money for their purchases. The Delhi bazaar *dustur* which is cash in seven days, enables dealers to retain command of their working capital for the proper purpose of their business which is to take over their goods from importers and dispose of them to district buyers. That is what is wanted at Amritsar, and the old fashioned dealer who buys goods for a special season, and buys just what he knows he can sell, if given the opportunity by a sound system, will come to the rescue and restore Amritsar to its position as the distributing market for Northern Punjab.

BARSI ROAD RAILWAY ACCIDENT.

Engine and Six Wagons Wrecked.

DRIVER AND FIREMAN INJURED.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, DECEMBER 20.

A serious accident occurred last night on the G. I. P. at Barsi Road. A mixed train from Poona somehow got on to the dead end siding and dashed down the *khud* where the engine and six goods wagons were wrecked. Fortunately no lives were lost. The Parsee driver, aged over 50, named Hormusjee Pestonjee, was wedged in between the engine and the tender and the tops of the boiler having sprung he was scalded almost to death by the escaping steam. The two firemen jumped off in time and escaped with slight injuries ; but all the three have been brought into hospital here, where the driver lies in a precarious condition with his whole body blistered.

The precise cause of the smash has not yet been ascertained.

SOUTH INDIA PASTEUR INSTITUTE.

Order of Constitution Issued.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, DECEMBER 20.

The Madras Government have issued orders this morning constituting a Pasteur Institute of South India and promulgating rules for its management.

The patrons of the Institute are the Governor of Madras, the Nizam of Hyderabad, and the Maharajas of Mysore and Travancore and the Rajah of Cochin. The Surgeon General of Madras for the time being will be the President of the Committee which consists of a number of Civil and Military officials, and non-officials both European and native.

A subscription of Rs. 5 per annum and an entrance donation of Rs. 10 is payable for membership, and entitles members to a number of privileges including free treatment should that ever be necessary.

The Director and Assistant Director of the Institute will be members of the Indian Medical Service and will be appointed by Government.

INCOME TAX PREFERENCES.

Inclusion of Earnings in Trying Climates.

MR. ASQUITH'S APPROVAL.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, DECEMBER 20.

A special London Telegram to the *Pioneer* dated the 19th of December states that Mr Asquith in replying to the question by Mr. Rees, with reference to the proposal of the Income Tax Committee to include Pensions under "Unearned Income" and urging that pension earned in a trying climate should also share any preference given to "Current Income," said that the suggestion was certainly deserving of consideration and will be kept in sight when the Committee's report is considered.

COLLAPSE OF THE SWADESHI STEAM SERVICE.

Withdrawal of Native Support.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, DECEMBER 20.

The Swadeshi Steamer Service between Colombo and Tuticorin has collapsed owing to local native merchants refusing to give the Shah Line Company an agreement to ship by their steamers, and the Company has given 24 hours' notice of withdrawal of vessels.

NEWS LATER THAN THE MAIL.

AMERICA AND JAPAN.

California and the Federal Law.

LONDON, December 1st,—*The Times* published an article this morning commenting upon the difficulty experienced by the United States Government in compelling California to observe the federal law as it affected the teaching of Japanese children in the schools of that State. "Britain," the article stated, "had sympathetically watched President Roosevelt's efforts, because one of her own autonomous colonies had created a similar problem by exclusive legislation."

NATURALISATION OF JAPANESE.

President Roosevelt favours the introduction of additional legislation with the objects of placing treaties beyond the influence of any action on the part of individual States, and of naturalising Japanese who desire to become American citizens.

It is feared that the attitude of Japan will be hostile if Congress refuses to strengthen the Federal Government's hands.

VICTIMS OF THE BOYCOTT.

LONDON, December 2nd.—A number of Japanese residents of San Francisco are returning to their own country. They allege that owing to the boycott to which they are being subjected, they are unable to earn a living in San Francisco.

QUESTION OF AN AUSTRALIAN NAVY.

London, December 1st,—A number of the Australian Agents-General were the guests of the Royal Scottish Corporation at a St. Andrew's Day festival, held in London, on Friday.

The toast of the "Imperial Forces" was proposed by Mr. J. W. Tavener, the Agent-General of Victoria, who referred to the Commonwealth's proposal to establish a system of harbour and coastal defence. He denied that there was a vestige of truth in the suggestion that Australians desired to cut the painter. They were anxious, said Mr. Taverner, to share in the Empire's responsibilities. They recognised that they must accept the responsibility of doing something for themselves, but always in sympathy and harmony with the Imperial navy. Whatever the Australians might do in regard to a local navy, it would, in the event of war, immediately become part of the British Navy.

Among the other speakers was Mr. C. H. Rason the Agent-General of Western Australia.

THE TELEGRAPH COMMITTEE.

Expedition of Traffic Promised.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 20.

The public sitting of the Telegraph Committee was occupied by taking the evidence of the Committee of the Bengal Chamber of Commerce.

Messrs. Apcar and Maclean spoke regarding the preferential treatment of the Press over Commercial telegrams, and Mr. Bertram referred to the necessity of splitting up telegrams and said that the Telegraph Department should cater to the wants of the public as in England.

The President thanked the members for attending and for their suggestions, and said that one of the most important changes they hoped to obtain was the expedition of traffic in India.

CALCUTTA Y. M. C. A.

Two Handsome Donations.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDNT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 20.

The Directors of the Young Men's Christian Association held a meeting yesterday with Sir Andrew Fraser in the Chair. His Honor announced that Mr. Samuel Smith had sent £50 in response to their appeal, and Mr. MacMorran Rs. 1,000.

CALCUTTA INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION.

Opening by the Viceroy To-day.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 20.

At the Indian Industrial Exhibition everything is in a fairly forward state in view of its opening by the Viceroy to-morrow, Friday, afternoon ; but though matters are being hurried along it will be some time yet before all the exhibits are ready.

Cannon balls which were used at the battle of Plassey will be exhibited.

RICE CROP RETURNS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 20.

The second general Memorandum on rice crop, dated December the 20th, says that so far in Bengal the season was on the whole unfavourable and the estimated outturn per acre of Autumn rice is taken as 60 per cent. of the normal, and of the Winter rice 78 per cent.

In East Bengal the weather was generally favourable and the outturn per acre is estimated at 85 per cent. of normal.

In Madras the crop is said to be generally in good condition, but requires rain. The average outturn is estimated at 83 per cent. of normal.

In Lower Burma the prospects are generally favourable. The surplus available for export is at present estimated at 39,712,000 cwt. cleaned rice.

The third General Memorandum on Cotton Crop says that the season is generally favourable throughout India, though damaged in places by floods, and the Punjab Crop, at one time was gravely threatened by the boll-worm. The area exceeds previous records and estimated outturn is entirely unprecedented.

The crop in almost all parts is doing well.

WEEKLY PLAGUE REPORT.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 20.

The mortalily from plague during the week ending December 15th for the whole country was about 900 greater than during the previous week,

In the Bombay presidency the deaths numbered 1,662 ; in Madras 8 ; in Bengal 497 ; in the United Provinces 1,641 ; in the Punjab 2,180 ; in Burma 177 ; in the Central Provinces 426 ; in Mysore 85 ; and in Central India 244. There has thus been some rise in Bengal, the United Provinces and the Punjab.

TELEGRAPHIC INTERRUPTION.

Traffic between Madras and Burma Delayed.

We are informed by the Telegraph Department that owing to an interruption of all wires between Calcutta and Madras "ordinary" and "deferred" traffic between Burma and Madras is liable to delay.

WOMEN'S INTERESTS.

A DOLL'S "AT HOME."

Fashions in Motor Cars.

A NEW COTILLON.

(FROM OUR LADY CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, NOVEMBER 30.

ROYAL CHEFS.

All the world has been to the Cookery exibition at the Royal Horticultural Hall opened earlier in the week by the Duchess of Albany. This annual exhibition is the great gastronomic event of the year, for all the royal chefs take the keenest interest in the Cookery Exhibition where the very newest culinary triumphs are passed under their review: M. Messager, the King's Chef, curiously enough is most interested in the humble potato and has devised dozens of new and extraordinary ways of preparing it. M. Cedard, the Prince of Wales' chef has been a daily visitor and he has told his fellow gastronomic experts some of the Royal predilections in the matter of food. Both the Prince and Princess, says M. Cedard, are particularly fond of oysters and when they are in season, have them served almost daily. On the whole they prefer plain dishes, both English and French ; they like game and frequently follow the German fashion of having stewed fruit served with game or poultry. Breakfast at 9-30 is a substantial meal with a variety of courses, lunch at 2 p.m. is light, a cup of afternoon tea at five, and a full dinner of several courses at night make up the daily menu at Marlborough House. After the theatre or Opera however, a light supper is always served, generally cold game. The children of the household dine at midday, and no set supper is allowed, but if the little princes are hungry they may have milk or cocoa and a few simple sandwiches at night.

Apropos of the Wales' children it has been decided with the consent of the King, to send Prince Edward and his brother to Osborne for a course of naval training. The little princes are fond of the water and learned to pilot their own little yacht on Virginia Water when quite small boys. Prince Edward is however ultimately intended for the Army.

A DOLL'S "AT HOME."

Half society crowded into Bath House, Piccadilly, one afternoon this week when Lady Wernher gave a dolls' "At home." The dolls, and they numbered thousands, came from the very best houses in the land and were intended for the little proteges of the Children's Happy Evenings Association. The modern doll is indeed a wonderful production with its jointed limbs, delicately chiselled features, its moving eyes, real eye-lashes and pearly teeth, and the dolls at Bath House, arrayed according to the latest decrees of fashion were things of delight. Princess gowns, elaborately embroidered and trimmed with costly lace, white satin Court gowns with full trains, and smartly cut tailor mades were on view. A doll with long golden hair coiled on top of her head and attired in rich brocade and lace was dressed to represent Queen Alexandra, and before the stately little figure of the doll-queen a daintily dressed doll debutante curtseyed. A doll chauffeur had been cleverly dressed by Mrs. George Alexander whose husband by the way intends to spare a little time from the St. James Theatre to offer himself as a candidate for the London County Council election next March. Lady Jersey, Lady Banger, Lady Theodora Guest, Lady Wilfred Biddulph and the Marquise d'Hautpool were among the many Society ladies who had dressed dolls for the "At Home" and they and many others brought parties of children to see the wonderful dollies intended for the little people in the slums.

FASHION IN MOTOR-CARS.

One often hears the question asked who sets the fashions. In Paris where the exclusive social set affects a dignified restraint and an exquisite simplicity in dress, it is the prerogative of the fashionable actress and demi-mondaine to launch new modes. But here in England the example set by the Queen has a marked effect on Fashion's trend. Not so much in matters of dress, for the Queen has a fine disregard for changes in cut and style and clings to the close fitting gown, innocent of all fussiness, and the tiny toque which she first introduced many years ago. But why were amethysts suddenly revived last season? Simply because the Queen was observed to be constantly wearing these stones, regarded as hopelessly old fashioned until quite recently, and now Her Majesty has caused every other woman who owns a motor car to have it painted pure white, not the slatey greyish white of the racing car, but a rich creamy shade which it must be admitted harmonizes admirably with the bright tints, the vieux roses and fern greens, which feminine motorists are now patronising. It was at the great Olympia Motor Show that the Queen's white car made its first appearance, and on "ladies day" it was quite the centre of attraction. A thirty horse-power car, hung on three-quarter elliptic springs and perfectly upholstered within it, had been built to the order of the Queen who is now an enthusiastic automobilist. Orders for white cars flowed in merrily in consequence, with the result that there will be more white cars in the Park than those of any other colour. Princess Christian has chosen a rich dark blue colour for her new car, a capacious vehicle seating five or six people, and another Royal car is painted a bright heliotrope, a decidedly original idea.

HIGH NECKED EVENING GOWNS.

The Queen, as I have said, does not in a general way lead the fashion in dress, but there is an exception to every rule and there can be no doubt whatever that the present prevalence of the high necked demi-toilette is attributable to the fact that on a recent notable occasion Queen Alexandra wore a high necked gown at night. It was a Melba night at the Opera and in a house where every box was filled with women in full evening dress and glittering with jewels, the two principal occupants of the Royal box afforded a striking contrast to the rest of the ladies. They were two Queens, Queen Alexandra and her daughter Queen Maud of Norway. The Queen was entirely in black, sparkling with jet sequins, but cut high to the neck and with sleeves to the elbow, and Queen Maud by her side wore a lovely gown of mauve silk crepe embroidered with silver and softened with lovely lace, but like the Queen's gown it was quite high.

The idea caught on in a wonderful way and now fashionable modistes do not know how to turn out high necked evening toilettes fast enough to satisfy the demands of their customess. Obviously the new fashion in this age of dining in restaurants has decided advantages. The Parisiene has never taken to the decollete gown it is the custom of our women to wear in the most public places, and what is more a considerable experience of the stalls in our theatres confirms one in the belief that pretty shoulders are few and far between.

A SUFFRAGE BANQUET.

The suffragist ladies who have now been released from Holloway Gaol, through the King's good-natured intervention it is said, are to be honoured by a great banquet at the Savoy Hotel, the favourite resort of the fashionable women of the hour. More "freak" dinners have been given at the Savoy by American Millionaires than at any other hotel this side of the water, and it is significant of the change in the attitude of Society—with a capitial "S"—towards militant lady suffragists, that the forthcoming banquet should take place at this rendezvous of the Smart Set.

All the "jail birds" as they rather enjoy being called, will be there and the function promises to be unique in many ways. Among the ladies who are actually interesting themselves in the arrangements for the Banquet are Lady Frances Balfour, a daughter of the late Duke of Argyll and a cousin by marriage of the Ex-premier, Viscountess Harberton, Lady Strachey, Lady Grove, the Hon. Mrs. Bertrand Russell and Mrs. Pechey Phipson, M. D., a lady who is well known in Bombay.

ROYAL CHRISTMAS SHOPPING.

Although Queen Alexandra is fond of shopping in person it is her invariable custom to select her Christmas presents at Buckingham Palace, where firms holding the Royal Warrant are invited to send all their Christmas noveltias on approval. One review of the season's specialities has already taken place at the Palace. Some miniature dressing cases, only seveninches by five, but filled with every toilette necessity in hammered silver took the Queen's fancy. They are of course intended for the motorist. Vanity bags, also properly fitted and made of Parma violet suede are another dainty trifle which will be found among the Royal presents, and yet another novelty—this for a man—is a miniature "pathfinder" case for a sportsman, used for drawing places at shooting parties.

REIGN OF RED.

A word about the fasionable colours. There has been a run on red in every possible shade this season, from a rich deep wine red, the colour of fine old burgundy, to the vivid shrimp pink and coral tints. Even at the early stage, however, everyone is heartily sick of the glut of red, for the East End ever alert to seize upon the fashion of the west has followed in the wake. The market has been simply flooded with ready made clothes in the more hackneyed shades of pink and red. There are tones of red however that defy imitation, burnt rose for instance and the pale mulberry shades, and are now being worn by the elegantes. Still the passion for garbing oneself in red is decidedly on the wane. There is a particularly lovely shade of bronze green which bids fair to take the place of the reds. Almond green, Empire green and soft resda shades are also to the fore, and pink combined with a soft smoke grey makes a charming union. Light brilliant browns with a suggestion of copper in their depths are most becoming and the newest idea is to wear these shades in combination with black.

A NEW COTILLON.

A really new idea in cotillon parties has been invented this season ; a considerable achievement this, for it is no easy thing to alight upon really new figures. It may be useful to explain one or two of the new figures. Perhaps the prettiest is that known as "the butterfly figure" in which all the ladies are provided with Japanese fans and a set of small paper butterflies. The ladies move in line round the room to the tune of slow valse music keeping two or three of the butterflies in the air with the motion of the fans. The men stand in line round the room and try to blow away the butterflies as the ladies sway slowly by, and when a man succeeds in displacing the little scraps of white paper, he claims the lady as a partner and valses with her in the open space in the centre of the room. A popular favor for this figure is a length of dainty ribbon with which to attach the fans to the waistband and to each ribbon there should be a smart art noveau brooch.

A more elaborate figure which is having great success at the moment is a sort of May Pole Dance, the floating ribbons being covered with flowers and a change of partners being made at each section.

THE BOMBAY SERVICES.

Mr. A. C. Daniel is to act as District Superintendent of Police, Dharwar, vice Mr. D. Davies proceeded on leave, pending further orders.

Mr. F. Clifford is to be a Second Grade Deputy Superintendent of Police, taking rank next below Mr. J. B. Kinnersley, and to do duty as Deputy Superintendent of Police, Kathiawar.

Mr. C. M. Baker, I. C. S., is granted an extension of furlough by seven days.

Mr. M. D. Mackenzie has been allowed an extension of three months' furlough.

Mr. L. Graham, I. C. S., on completion of the General Administration Report, to be Assistant Collector, Dharwar.

Mr. G. W. Hatch, I. C. S., Collector of Bombay, is granted privilege leave for seventeen days with effect from 27th December.

Mr. J. Monteath, B. A. (Cantab.), I. C. S., to act as Collector of Bombay, Superintendent of Stamps and Stationery, Registrar of Bombay and Commissioner for the purposes of the Income Tax Act for the Town and Island of Bombay during the absence on leave of Mr. G. W. Hatch, I. C. S., or pending further orders.

Lieutenant John Forrest Maxwell, 2nd Battalion B. B. & C. I. Railway Volunteer Rifles, whose services have been placed at the disposal of the Government of the United Provinces is transferred to the Cawnpore squadron, United Provinces Light Horse. Dated 1st September.

Captain D. Gill-Jenkins is transferred from the Supernumerary List of the Kolar Gold Field Rifle Volunteers to the Active List of the Southern Mahratta Railway Rifles with effect from the 22nd October.

Second-Lieutenant D. B. Langford is transferred from the Supernumerary List of the Kolar Gold Field Rifle Volunteers to the Active List of the Southern Mahratta Railway Rifles with effect from the 22nd October.

Mr. Arthur Hill Trevor, to be Captain, Bombay Volunteer Rifles vice Phillip transferred to the Supernumerary List. Dated 23rd October.

Second-Lieutenant George Hamilton Bulstrode Radcliffe to be Lieutenant, Bombay, Baroda and Central India Railway Volunteer Rifles vice Sidgwick promoted. Dated 11th June.

William Archibald Radice, gentleman, to be Second-Lieutenant, vice Radcliffe promoted. Dated 11th June.

Reginald Garrett, gentleman, to be Second-Lieutenant to complete the establishment. Dated 1st November.

William Arthur Smith, gentleman, to be Second-Lieutenant to complete the establishment. Dated 1st November.

Captain Gerald Oswald Ware (Supernumerary List) Poona Volunteer Rifles, resigns his commission. Dated 10th November.

Mr. E. M. Duggan, B. Sc. (Eng.), Assistant Engineer, 3rd Grade, passed on the 23rd November, a Colloquial Examination in Kanarese according to the standard laid down in the Public Works Department Code.

The undermentioned gentlemen have been appointed Assistant Engineers, 3rd Grade, and are posted as follows :—Bombay.—Mr. Claude Cavendish Inglis, Mr. Thomas Sylvanus Pipe, and Mr. Henry Bedford Evington.

The following promotions and reversions are ordered in the Engineer Establishment :—Mr A. Hill, C.I.E., F.C.H, M. Inst. C.E, to be Superintending Engineer, 2nd Class, permanent, and Chief Engineer, 2nd Class, acting. Mr. G. McC. Harrison, to be Executive Engineer, 1st Grade, permanent, and Acting Superintending Engineer. The Hon'ble Mr G. O. W. Dunn, M. Inst. C. E., to be Chief Engineer, 1st Class, permanent. Mr. W. L. S. L. Cameron, Assoc. M. Inst. C.E., to be Chief Engineer, 2nd Class, permanent, and Chief Engineer, 1st Class, substantive pro-tem. Mr. T. Summers, D. S., M. Inst. C. E. to be Superintending Engineer, 1st Class, permanent.

Mr. A. Hill, C.I.E., F.C.H., M. Inst C.E., to be Superintending Engineer, 2nd Class, permanent, and Chief Engineer, 2nd Class, substantive pro tem. Mr. W. L. Strang M. Inst. C.E. to be Superintending Engineer, 2nd Class, permanent. Mr. P. J. Fitz-Gibbon, M. Inst. C.E., to be Executive Engineer, 1st Grade, permanent, and, Superintending Engineer, 2nd Class, substantive pro-tem. Mr. G. McC. Harrison to be Executive Engineer, 1st Grade, permanent, and Superintending Engineer, 3rd Class, temporary.

INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS.

Election of Delegates at Poona.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, DECEMBER 20.

At a meeting held yesterday in Poona City the following, among thirty delegates to the Indian National Congress, were elected. G. B. Tilak, the Hon'ble Mr. Gokhle, N. C. Kelkar, S. M. Paranjpe, Sett Narayan K. Ghaswala, Barrister H. Ghaswala, and H. N. Apte.

The rest are all Pleaders of the City Court.

MESSRS. VEST AND CO.

Charge of Alleged Cheating.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, DECEMBER 19.

An application was made to-day before the Presidency Magistrate at Egmore, Madras by T. A. Krishnaswamy Rao, a merchant, for a summons against Mr. W. B. Pimblett described as the Managing Director or proprietor of Messrs. Vest and Co. Printers and Stationers, Madras.

The complainant alleged that Pimblett had represented to him that he would open a branch of Messrs. Vest and Co. at Secunderabad and appoint complainant as manager on a salary of Rs. 100 a month and that he (complainant) paid to Pimblett Rs. 3,000 as security. Complainant went to Secunderabad in March last, and waited for four months for goods, but none arrived, although Pimblett had stated that he was sending them. Complainant now heard that Pimblett had mortgaged the stock and goodwill of the firm for Rs. 25,000 and that the mortgagee had appointed a receiver to look after his interests. He demanded the return of his money from Pimblett but had not got it, and, therefore, asked for a summons charging him with cheating. His Worship ordered notice to issue.

CHRISTMAS IN THE SHOPS.

THOUGH the sunny streets of Bombay give few indications that it is Christmas time, the Yuletide aspect of things is easily seen in the shops of the City. Many of them in fact look as Christmassy as the shops in Oxford Street at this season of the year. The old Established business of Phillips and Co., Ld., have an excellent show of all the latest novelties in toys, fancy goods, etc., selected personally by them from the continental and English markets. They are quite to the front with all up-to-date goods. Their well appointed show rooms are filled with merchandise, and the manner in which they are exhibited makes selection easy. To display the many artistic articles fully to advantage, cases have been especially built by them ; these cases contain a variety of most useful articles suitable for presentation, such as Writing cases, Blotting pads, Hand bags, Chatelaine bags, Wicker work baskets, Vases, Ornaments, and Photo frames of all sizes, in great variety. They have all the articles one could think of at this season ; Dolls, Crackers, Santa Claus, and Toys of all description for children of all ages, and useful and fancy Xmas presents, and they are also fully stocked with their famous brands of spirits and wines, Oilman's stores, etc., which are priced at the lowest remunerative rates for the season. They have a very large supply of hams and quite sufficient to meet the pressing needs of Xmastide in Bombay. Any one desirous of seeing a really good show will do well to pay them a visit, and to intending purchasers, we are sure no other house can give better value for money. We are also informed that they intend holding their usual Bran pie and Xmas Bazaar in both Byculla and the Fort Establishments on the evening of the 24th, and surplus toys, irrespective of their value, will be included.

Messrs Dubash and Co., of 17, Hummum Street, Fort, have a grand assortment of articles suitable for Christmas presents. Their large stock comprises children's tricycles, bird and parrot cages, choice perfumery, mechanical toys and dolls, and Xmas, New Year and Birthday cards. Their speciality is *Reed and Barton's* world-renowned American Electro-plated ware in elegant designs.

The great feature of a real English Christmas is the food. Where there is no plum-pudding on Christmas Day there is certainly no regard for Yuletide. Now, nowhere in Bombay can a more excellent variety of seasonable edibles be had than at Messrs Pearse and Co's.

Their commodious shop, situated in a healthy locality in the "Sirdar's Palace," completely fitted up with Electric Instalment, displays a prominent show of all the desirable stores for the coming holiday.

The Special Features are their delicious Xmas cakes. Having a special Steam Bakery of their own they are able to execute all orders in any quantity. Mountains of cakes are made daily, and cartloads sent away by daily mails to all parts of the country.

Confectionery of every kind and description, of different shapes and flavours appear in every corner. Sweets, rich French Fondants, and all the best Delicacies are abundant. Xmas presentation Boxes in various shapes, such as chocolate boxes, purses, bags, Rich Dressing, Toilet case, glove boxes, etc. are stocked in suitable quantities.

Messrs. Dinshaw Dastoor and Co., are not exactly a Christmas House. But they keep a large stock of spectacles, Eye-glasses Eye-protectors, mortor-goggles, etc., in all the up-to-date styles and patterns; also a selected stock of very powerful Binoculars, Single and Double Telescopes, and Opera glasses ; all more or less suitable for Yuletide presents. Dastoor's is somewhat of a museum. One can see there a large description and detachable Model of the Human body showing all the principal organs in their natural color, size and position. There is, too, an Eye Model of a very large size made of *Papier-mache* with detachable arrangements showing all parts of the Eye in details, and in their normal color and positions. Another interesting object is the Anatomidal charts of the Human Eye photographed and enlarged from the Human Eye (actual) in eight different sections showing all parts of the eye in details, together with colored plates of all *fundus diseases* of the eye, about 60 in all.

There is more piano-banging at Yuletide than at any other time of the year, and the Mistletoe Bough is even now more favoured than the Belle of New York. Messrs. Soundy and Company, Limited, have in their new premises at Hornby Road a large and varied stock of Grand and Upright Pianos, Piano Players, American Organs, Harmoniums, Band Instruments, Banjos, Mandolins, Violins, Guitars, and in fact everything that pertains to the music trade, including up-to-date novelties well suited for Christmas presents at prices.

Messrs Raja Deen Dayal's studios are worth a visit, at any time of the year, but during the present Christmas Season there is a choice selection of specially manufactured Christmas Photo cards consisting of special Indian subjects and Military displays printed by the carbon process, in 27 different colours, and executed by a competent staff of artists, engaged for the purpose. Portraits of children form a special novelty in the Christmas Card line. They are printed in azure green and are very attractive. This is a great novelty and Messrs Raja Deen Dayal and Sons are the first to introduce it in India.

One of the most interesting displays for the Festive Season, can be seen at the Bombay Fine Art Gallery, 56, Esplanade Road, Fort, opposite the Bombay Club, and which is publicly known as "The Rendevous to Lovers of Art".

Charmingly and picturesquely laid out by experts, with a grand display of works of Art, Sacred, Historical, Landscapes, famous Battle Pictures, and Fancy Subjects from all the Ancient Masters, and Modern Painters make the Gallery certainly worth a visit. The Proprietors are only too pleased to show Visitors round the Gallery, and no Visitor is obliged to make a purchase. There is also a grand display of Christmas and New Year Cards, Calenders, Picture Post Cards, Photos of Indian Views and Characters, Mirrors, Art Pottery Works from Mooltan and Bombay, Figures and Statues from Italy, such as have never been imported before in India, Frames and Oil Paintings of every discription, Heavy Gilt Mouldings for life—sized pictures a speciality. The establishment is fitted with Electric Fans which makes shopping a pleasure. The present Collection consists of pictures by Horace Van Ruith, Lawrence Scott, Raja Ravi Varma and Tiger de Clausay,

During this season Messrs. P. Mehta and Co's establishment at 69, Medows Street is also a great attraction. The gold jewellery, Brooches, Bracelets, Rings, Charms, Necklets, etc., displayed in the show cases give the public the idea of the latest fashions from home and is of no small attraction to the ladies. The silver and electroplated ware exhibited is also beautifully finished, and is quite suitable for Xmas presents. Some pieces of sandalwood and ivory work carving are excellent, and shows the rich art of India. Besides these many other Indian curiosities are also worth admiring.

Before buying their Xmas presents elsewhere we strongly recommend our readers to pay them a visit, and we are sure that they will find something to suit their taste as well as their pockets.

Messrs. G. A. Charpie & Co., who are under the immediate patronage of the Government of India, Meteorological Department, and are Practical Watchmakers, manufacturers and agents, are also Makers and Importers of the Celebrated Meridian Watches, ranging in price from Rs. 10 to Rs. 60 in metal silver and gold cases, for Ladies and Gentlemen. Messrs. Charpie have extensive repairing work-shops on the 1st floor under the immediate supervision of practical European Watchmakers.

Attracted by the rumour which have reached us anent the great improvements made in the interior of Treacher's Fort Building, we paid a visit to them recently, and find that rumour in this case has not done justice to the excellent arrangements of the Fort premises of this old established Company. Treacher & Co. claim, and as far as we know with some justice, that they are the pioneers in India of the class of business which is done in their Fort Establishment, having been established in Bombay for nearly 80 years ; and the energy and enterprise which have resulted in the fine position which the Company occupies does not seem to be now wanting.

Treacher's was always a nice place to visit, but one sometimes felt that their arrangements of the various good things offered for sale were a little mixed. All that has now been altered, and each department has a local habitation, entirely its own. To begin with the ground floor has been divided by a handsome iron screen running down the middle. On one side of this is the Dispensary, which is claimed to be the largest and most complete in India. Here the seeker for Christmas presents will find some very pretty fancy perfumes and toilet arrangements which will be entirely acceptable to lady friends. On the other side is the Grocery, Provision, Wine and Confectionery Departments where the brilliant colours of goods appropriate to the festive season meet the eye on every side. Treachers always seem specially happy in their Christmas selection, and one can always rely upon getting the "dernier cri" in crackers and articles for dessert at their places. A special feature of the new arrangements is the Wine Department which has been elaborately fitted up, and he must be indeed hard to please who cannot supply his wants in this direction at Treachers.

Ascending by the newly erected lift we reach the 1st floor which has been divided into two portions—the one containing Stationery, Fancy goods, & drawing instruments, and the other Jewellery, Electroplated & Silver goods. This is indeed a happy hunting ground for seekers of suitable Christmas gifts. The only difficulty is the great variety. Small inexpensive Silver goods abound, while in Treacher & Co's speciality, Electro plate, nothing is wanting that can possibly be required either for the table or sideboard. Large parcels of the

newest patterns in Jewellery have been lately received and it is safe to say that no lady who is not a millionairess could leave this department without a sigh of regret. Proceeding again by the lift we come to the second floor, which is devoted to Hardware, Crockery, & Glassware, Cutlery, Kitchen Utensils, etc. Here also the athlete can supply all his wants in the way of Cricket Kit, Tennis, Golf, etc., and the sportsman can find guns & ammunition of the most approved patterns, fishing tackle, and all sorts of accessories. One pretty and very novel feature in this department is the glass lamp House fitted with every conceivable pattern of lamp & shade, and when this is lighted with the Electric lamps the effect is charming in the extreme, Messrs Treacher & Co. are thoroughly up-to-date, and all their Show Rooms are fitted with electric lights & fans so that customers can do their shopping in the greatest comfort.

Messrs. J. Oakes and Co., The Taxidermists and Leather Goods Manufacturers, have a fine assortment of Kit, Gladstone, Brief, Hand, Courier, and Soiled Linen, Bags, and Collar, Ladies' Hat and Gent's Hat Boxes, and Dress Suit, Suit, Shirt, Office, Handkerchief, Glove, and Writing Cases. Some of their dressing companions are very attractive, and a large assortment of Harness and Saddlery, Holdalls, Bed, Single and Double Straps, and Leather, Canvas, Woollen and Saratoga Trunks are also very desireable goods as Christmas presents.

Messrs. Barton and Co. of 73, Meadow Street, can show a wonderful variety of Pictorial Post Cards (Indian and Continental), and Indian views and characters coloured and uncoloured of over 500 sorts. A pretty line is their English Giant Post Cards, a real photographic series now seen for the first time in India.

Messrs. Kemp and Co., Ld., as Pharmaceutical Chemists, confine themselves solely to everything appertaining to that business, and consequently are able to boast that in this line they are first in quality and standardisation. Their name as Scientific Chemists and accurate Drug merchants is too well known to need any comment. For the Christmas season they have some splendid lines in Perfumes, Soaps, Toilet Powders, Scent Bottles, Fancy Boxes and General Toilet articles. One of their greatest successes is their Scribbling Diary, which is published at 8 annas only and is equal to many as more than double the price. In connection with the Swadeshi movement it is as well to remember that this company manufactured over 400 proprietory medicines, all equal to any imported, and all made in their own Laboratory. Many of them are manufactured absolutely from productions of this country. They are agents for Mellin's Food, who offer one of their handsome calendars to anyone paying the postage.

The Orpheus Musical Stores (F. Cabral and Son, Kalbadavie Road, Bombay), has a very attractive appearance on the outside; but once you enter the Show Room, Music, Musical Instruments, Graphophones, etc., stare you in the face from every point of vantage.

The Proprietors have liberally laid out their stock and the unique collection needs only a view to be appreciated. We would recommend anyone passing Kalbadavie to drop in and survey the choice stock.

A few of their articles are Band, Brass, Wind and String Instruments including a very large and varied stock of Violins, Banjos, Guitars, and Mandolines in all the latest styles. There are Flat Backed Violin and Banjo shapes and Harp shapes, also the latest Popular Music. Nor have the wants of the Christy Ministrels been neglected—for here you can procure Accordeons, Concertinas, Bones, Tambourines, Mouth Organs, Occarinas and Whistles galore.

Not the least fascinating show in Bombay is that of her Dhanamal Chellaram, Meadow Street. Here may be seen such a variety of articles in various precious metals that it is difficult to leave the establishment when once one is inside. There are thousands of little things in silver which are just suitable for Christmas presents: necklaces, with diamonds, pearls, rubies, opals, topaz, amethyst jade, and other stones; and pendals and brooches of exquisite designs. A large assortment of rings,—gypsy, loop, cluster, marquise and other fancy shapes, while jewelled bracelets, lockets, hucks studs, chains and charms links.

The silver-ware comprises vases, bowls, sugar-basins, flour-pots, candle-stands, cigarettes and cigar cases, trays, boxes of different sizes, finger-bowls, salt-sellers, mustard-pots, peper-pots, spoons, tongs, scent bottles, umbrella and stick-handles, address-boxes, cream jugs, tea-sets, buckles, belts, brooches, charms, silver buttons, studs, inkstand sets, &c., &c.

Some delightful things in shawls are bound to attract the feminine eye, silk, crepe silk, cashmere and camel hair shawls are in great variety and sizes, while many of the embroideries in silk, cotton, linen and gold thread and the dresses, blouses, table-cushion, piano and bed-covers, dressing gowns, umbrellas and articles of great artistic merit.

THE ANCHOR LINE "CASTALIA."

A Splendid New Steamer.

The new Anchor Line steamer "Castalia" which has arrived in Harbour and is now lying in the Prince's Dock, is perhaps the finest vessel of its kind ever seen in Bombay, barring the steamers of the P. and O. The vessel, which loaded at Manchester, is the largest vessel which ever went up the ship Canal on this service though not the longest steamer employed in the Manchester trade. She is intended for the Indian service of the Anchor Line, and went for her trial cruise on the Clyde last October. In appearance she differs slightly from the form usually associated with the Anchor Line Transatlantic steamers, but as she has been demonstrated for the Indian service of the line a change was necessary; steamers adapted to the requirements of the Atlantic trade are unfitted for the comfort of passengers in the Red Sea and the Indian Ocean.

The "Castalia" is a steamer of 6,500 tons tonnage; she will favourably compare with any vessel at present engaged in that trade, in passenger accommodation, cargo capacity, speed, and general appearance. Her moulded dimensions are 440 ft. by 53 ft. by 32 ft. 6 in. She is constructed of steel. The holds are specially free from obstruction; four tubular pillars only are fitted in each. Cargo will be handed by a dozen derricks and ten winches of the builders' own make. The upper bridge promenade, and shade decks are sheathed with teak, and the poop and forecastle with pitch pine. Electric light is fitted throughout, and electric fans in all passengers' cabins and all public rooms. Insulated storage chambers are provided, and a refrigerating machine for preserving passengers' provisions, making ice, etc., has been fitted.

The passenger accommodation consists of comfortably fitted up state-rooms heated with steam, and arranged for two, three or four passengers each, placed on the bridge and promenade decks, giving accommodation for about 100 first-class passengers. Large and tastefully decorated dining, smoking, and drawing rooms with convenient stairways and passages so arranged that passengers can go to or from these rooms to all public rooms, etc., without going on deck, and ample sanitary accommodation fitted up with hot and cold water, all in first class style, are among the features of this new fine boat. A large and well lighted nursery is fitted up on the promenade deck. The 'tween decks are so arranged that they can be fitted up for trooping purposes at short notice. The vessel is rigged as a two-masted schooner and the topmasts are made telescopic so as to go under the bridges of the Manchester Canal.

The machinery, constructed by the builders, consists of triple expansion engines 29 1/2, 49, and 81, by 54 in. stroke, supplied with steam by three double-ended boilers 15ft. by 17ft., working at a pressure of 180lbs. The machinery is designed to propel the vessel on service at a speed of at least 12 knots per hour, but as a reserve of power exists, this can be improved upon if the necessity arises.

The "Castalia" however is by no means the largest steamer employed in the Manchester trade as will be seen by comparing her dimensions with those of the twin screw Federal liner Suffolk, one of the vessels engaged in the Federal-Houlder Shire service between Manchester and Australia and New Zealand. The Suffolk's gross register tonnage is 7,088, her length 450ft., her beam 58ft. 2in., and her moulded depth 31ft. 2in. The "Castalia" was followed by the Clan Grant on November 30, and by the Massilia a week later.

THE MOST BRACING OF BATHS.

A delicious sensation of Coolness and purity instantly follows a bath containing a little Condy's Fluid, which invigorates the body and braces the nerves in a manner that is unattainable by any other means. The Cooling and Bracing effects are Simply Magical—They last for several hours. Condy's Fluid is sold by all Chemists. All substitutes are greatly inferior. Insist on having "Condy's Fluid."

SPORTING NEWS.

BOMBAY HUNT.

The neighbourhood of the Kennels was the place selected for the meeting of the followers of the Bombay Fox-hounds yesterday, and a gathering of over 60 people assembled there as the grey dawn was breaking. The temperature was delightfully cool, indeed the keen wind made things feel distinctly cold to those of us, who have perforce to spend so much of our lives in Southern India's tropical heat. The Home coverts were the first to be drawn, and although they almost invariably mean a certain find, somehow or other no jackal was at home yesterday morning, Rumour has it that it was the old story again of shooting versus fox hunting. The squire, not being a hunting man and consequently ignorant of our place of meeting, had only the day before shot the woods in question, with the unfortunate result that the jackals who dwell in the vicinity had beaten a hasty retreat. "Nil desperandum" should surely be the motto of the Bombay Hunt, for nothing daunted the worthy Master promptly decided to try his luck with the coverts at Sahar. This excellent movement was productive of the finest morning's sport which has to be recorded so far this season. A jackal was very soon holloaed away from the Sahar woods, and the Pack keeping remarkably well together, at once took up the chase. With their noses to the ground and that charming music, which is life itself to the eager foxhunter, they led us over a long stretch of rice fields, and down a very deep nullah, full of unusually sharp stones, on the far side of Sahar Church, and continued over a number of grassy pastures, which were stoutly fenced with cactus hedges. It was necessary for us to ask our horses to jump very boldly in order to negotiate these fences satisfactorily, but it is wonderful how little a trained hunter will make of a really big obstacle when his blood is really up. It looked as if our quarry had set his mask for the Backwater, but before reaching the stream he appeared to have been headed by some cultivators at work in an adjoining market garden, as the pack seemed to be at fault. Payne, however, showed his knowledge of the art of hunting hounds to true advantage by casting the Pack back towards Sahar Village, and this assistance was exactly what hounds required, as it was not long before one hound spoke to the scent. The others at once joined him, and with a veritable chorus of "music" streaked away at great speed as far as the stone bridge close to where the Andheri and Kurla Roads conjoin. To those who were able to keep pace with the flying "beauties," it seemed as if the jackal was certainly going to meet his end close by the bridge, as two or three of the leading hounds were literally snapping at his brush. His strength was however by no means exhausted, as he crept through a very thick cactus hedge, and by so doing was able temporarily to shake off his pursuers. Crossing the Andheri-Vehar Road the line lay through the long mango tope on the other side of the road, and out over a long tract of paddy bunds, intersected at intervals by some brushwood, surrounded by walls, which took a good deal of getting over. On went the pack with seemingly increasing power, and it looked as if the jackal had made for "Jack Symons" Hill, but luckily for our horses he had turned left handed at the foot of this very steep hill, which has so often been the cause of bringing a hard rider to grief in Point to Point Races. Continuing past a well known pond, familiar to many followers of the Bombay hounds as the one from which a former huntsman hastened his death by unwisely partaking of its foul contents on a very hot morning, the Marole Caves loom in sight across the valley, but hounds are not to be disappointed to-day, and with a most determined rush they overtake their quarry in the middle of a tract of paddy fields. So far as one could judge, the run has lasted for a full forty minutes, and with the pace as hot as it often was it is difficult to imagine what better sport the foxhunter could wish for, especially when the finish is with a kill in the open, an occurrence not very common in such close country as our Pack has to hunt.

JACKAL.

SPORTING NOTES.

IT must be many years now since we have had a Viceroy's Cup as perplexing as the one now under discussion. With the lameness of Munderah and the scratching of Signorina when she was shortening rapidly in price, the public seem absolutely in the dark as to the true state of affairs with regard to Long Tom. He has not been out regularly with the rest and has as yet done no fast work; it was hinted that his fast gallops were done elsewhere, but Tollygunge is scarcely practicable for the gallops of a Cup candidate. The fact, I hear, is that he has a split heel and if this is true his chance has gone; at any rate I agree with your correspondent 'True Blue' in that the stable should let the public know something of what to expect.

At present interest centres on Mallard, Fitz Grafton and Saloon, and I have expressed the opinion throughout that I do not pin much faith to Fitz Grafton and know that the Hon. Apcar has backed both of his horses pretty substantially. I have news from Calcutta which makes me think all the more that, with Long Tom out of it, Mallard should carry off the cup. He is a horse that takes time to get going and, with Saloon to make the pace, will show his worth as a real stayer when the last half mile has to be consulted. Saloon must have a real good chance, as I hear from a friend who saw him win his races that both were won with ample in hand, in fact that Mallard was on terms a hundred yards from the post, but was left at will. They, however, meet in the Cup at a stone difference in Mallard's favour and an extra half mile all in favour of the imported candidate. Steinhager and Amplify are coming in for support, but I hear the former is not forward enough, whereas we know of what Mr. Scott's second is capable, and I have been waiting to hear of this move. Amplify has a very great chance, for both events, especially the mile which is most open with Sacristan II., Saloon, and Contest well in, though the C. B. has a much better chance in the Cup despite the fact that I am told he was pulling up when Sacristan II. ran second.

Mallard is, both ways, I think really good, with Saloon a place, and for the Trials Amplify, if still well, with Saloon and Sacristan II. places.

THE BOMBAY SECOND EXTRA

promises, with the large entries, to be as good a day's racing as the first, and we should be able once more to hold our own with the Books. The horse race, the Winter Plate, seems to me a good thing for one. Vocalist, who though he met a field of coots in Poona, was merely cantering and is capable of meeting the best. I am told Posco is good and Balayeuse being fit is bound to make them gallop; Baritone too, at 8·4, should not be out of it. Getting in at 9·3, Precious, if in fair form, should win the Christmas Plate as the seven furlongs suits him nicely, as also Hadhur the only one that seems dangerous and Ames, I hear, will have the mount. At a difference of a stone however I should be quite safe for Williams' mount.

The Small Arab Plate is another paper certainty for Bay Middleton over his best distance, knowing as we do, the condition of Little Joker. The Selling Plate should lie between Talisman and Darin, and I fancy the former though we have not seen him do much for the last year. The Holiday Plate should see Sherali win again and Osborne and Mudlool should place.

Lastly comes the Loser's Plate and should be fairly open though Gaucho should beat the rest and Shabib place. I shall plump for Vocalist, Precious (good thing) Bay Middleton, (good thing) Talisman, Sherali and Gaucho.

I notice some correspondence re the proposed Hockey League. This I think is not likely to take place this year though that was the Committee's original intention. The Junior Football League preparations are now being made.

Saturday's races being terms. the weights are rather troublesome to make out and, as I have done this, they should be of interest to your readers.

REX.

THE Christmas Tree and Sports for the Children of the members of the Telegraph Department in Bombay. will be held on the 22nd December, 1906. Starting with children's Sports, on the Marine Lines at 2 p.m.; Children's Tea at the Telegraph Buildings at 5 p.m.; and Christmas Tree at 5-30 p.m.

MALKOWAL.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—In your paper dated 11th December, I read a long leader on the Malkowal Inoculation Accident. Naturally Mr. Haffkine is desirous of removing any possible blame that may be laid at his door, and judging from your remarks on his argument he has availed himself of high legal advice in making out his case. I have not seen the report of the Lister Institute, so must draw on your leader for my information. I note that 70 per cent. of the bouillon sent to the Punjab was returned as contaminated. This in itself is damning to his own case without going any further. Fortunately the 70 per cent. contaminations were not of a virulent nature or the Punjab population might have been still further reduced.

His argument about the forceps having been dropped at Malkowal at first sight reads somewhat serious, but if I am not mistaken, this valuable piece of information was given by the native assistant, whose subsequent handling of this point did not redound to his credit. However, for the matter of argument I admitted that such a thing might have happened, but I think that I proved, and was backed up by the native assistant that before the cork was replaced in the bottle I had filled my inoculating syringe with the bouillon contained therein.

Now this syringe held about enough bouillon to inoculate six or seven people. Had the bouillon been uncontaminated the first lot of men inoculated would not have contracted tetanus. But if, according to Mr. Haffkine, the dropping of the cork contaminated the bottle, how then does he account for the whole nineteen men inoculated from this bottle developing tetanus? If the cork carried the tetanus germ we would have had twelve or thirteen men dying from tetanus and not nineteen the total number of doses in the bottle. When the Lister Institute arrived at the open conclusion of a possible contamination at Malkowal did they know the following facts:—

1. Before a laboratory hand was allowed to decant plague bouillon for the purposes of general use he was required to undergo two or more months training. This consisted in working with sterile water. And when he could satisfy his superior officers that he was decanting the steriled water properly he was then put on to decant the bouillon.

2. The man who filled this particular bottle had three weeks' training, but, owing to the pressure of work, he was put on to bouillon decanting.

3. He only decanted bouillon for half a day. That is, the first day on which he had to do this important work he turned up in the morning, he filled a few bottles with bouillon, then had to ask to be let off work because he was ill. The poor chap was dead within twenty-four hours. What he died from I do not know, it was supposed to have been plague. Here we have a man presumably suffering from plague or some very virulent disease who within twenty-four hours of his death undertakes for the first time the decanting of bouillon. He is unable to go on with his work and has to leave before half the day is over. He only filled a few bottles, one of these being the one that was used in Malkowal.

All the legal arguing in the world cannot get away from the fact that this poor chap must have been in no proper condition for such delicate work as he had in hand that morning. If he dropped the cork, even if he wiped the floor with it, no blame can be laid at his door, he was not responsible for his actions that morning, but this fact goes a long way to explain the likely source of contamination, *Verbum Sap.*

I further note that Mr. Haffkine draws attention to the careless way in which inoculations were done in the Punjab, more especially at Malkowal. Had this particular bottle fallen into any other hands than mine the same concluding remarks would have been made to the district in which the disaster occurred. If such gross carelessness was proved why did not the Government Commission take full advantage of it and lay the blame at my door? Why did Mr. Haffkine come to me after my last appearance before the Commission and say "I have to congratulate you for the precautions which you took to prevent any contamination of the bouillon? Why was I the recipient of the appended letters from the Punjab Government if my neglect was attached to my work."—Yours, &c.,

ALEX M. ELLIOT,
M. B.

Oorgaum, December 17.

PUNJAB CIVIL SECRETARIAT.

Lahore, Dated the 28th December 1903.

Dear Sir,—In reply to your letters dated the 9th and 23rd November 1903, I am directed to forward herewith a certificate on the part of the Punjab Government declaring that the Government of India exonerates you from blame in connection with the Malkowal inoculation accident, and to state that you are permitted to make such use of this certificate as you may think desirable with a view to removing the disadvantage to yourself, which you say has arisen from your connection with the accident in question.—Yours, truly.

(Sd.) A. B. Kettlewell.

To Dr. A. M. Elliot, Watson's Annexe, Bombay.

CERTIFICATE.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of the Punjab hereby certifies that the Government of India exonerates Dr. A. M. Elliot, formerly employed by the Punjab Government on anti-plague inoculation work, from blame in connection with the accident at the village of Malkowal in November 1902 which resulted in the deaths from tetanus following on anti-plague inoculation of 19 persons.

By Order,
(Sd.) A. B. Kettlewell,
Judicial and General Secretary to Government,
Punjab.

AN ADDITIONAL REST-HOUSE FOR PILGRIMS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

Sir,—I have to thank you as a member of the Mahomedan community for the deep interest you take towards the sufferings of the poor pilgrims in Bombay, before their embarkation for Jeddah, some of the leading Mahomedans of this city have at present come forward, for providing an additional rest house for these Pilgrims. With respect to that, the name of both myself and my late lamented father is brought forward, hence I think it my duty to give publicity to the following facts, which I hope, you will be pleased to publish in your valuable columns.

I have decided to provide an additional rest-house for the Hadjis, and hence in the life time of my late father, I had commenced correspondence with the Government for the favour of a suitable site for the said rest-house, but I regret to say that as the Government was not prepared to spare a suitable vacant piece of ground for the site, I could do nothing in the matter. I need no help to build the new Musaferkhana, neither do I wish to erect the same along with anybody else; it was the wish of my late lamented father to erect a rest-house for the Hadji, which I am anxious to put into execution, if Government would see their way as to the necessity of an additional rest-house for the poor suffering Hadjis; and make an obligation on the whole Mahomedan community of this country by granting a suitable piece of land as the site.—Yours, etc.

M. H. SABOO SIDICK.

VICEROY'S VOLUNTEER PRIZE COMPETITION

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

BANGALORE, DECEMBER 20.

Six members of the Bangalore Rifle Volunteers competed this morning in the second stage of the Viceroy's Prize Competition, fired under the auspicies of the India Volunteer Rifle Association.

The conditions are:—One sighter, and 20 rounds at 600 yards.

The weather having been very bad the shooting was difficult and the scores poor. There was a very dark wind blowing with a gush, and variable. There was also some slight rain.

The following are the scores for the second stage, and the total for both stages:—

Lance Corporal C. Moorehouse 83—174.
Corporal Tremenheero 80—173.
Color Seargeant Eden 81—172.
Captain Perrin 81—171.
Captain Dunn 74—162.
Captain Tait 73—162.

THE SUPREME COUNCIL.

Friday's Meeting.

THE Council of the Governor General of India, assembled for the purpose of making Laws and Regulations, met at Government House, Calcutta, on Friday last when there were present:—His Excellency the Earl of Minto, Viceroy and Governor General of India, presiding; Sir A H L Fraser, K C S I, Lieutenant Governor of Bengal; General Viscount Kitchener of Khartoum; Sir Denzil Ibbetson; K C S I, Mr H Erle Richards, K C, Mr J P Hewett; C S I. C I E, Mr E N Baker, C S I, Major General, C H Scott, C B R A, Sir Harvey Adamson, K T C S I, Mr Gopal Krishna Gohale, C I E, Mr A A Apcar, C S I, Mr S Ismay, C S I. Mr W T Hall, C S I, Nawab Saiyid Muhammad Sahib Bahadur; Sir Rameshwara Singh, K C I E, Maharaja Bahadur of Darbhanga, Munshi Madho Lal, Mr. Gangadhar Rao Madhav Chitnavis, C. I. E.; Sir S. W. Edgerley, K. C. V. O., C. I. E.; Mr. F. A. Slacke; Mr. H. A. Sim, C. I. E.; Tikka Sahib Ripudaman Singh of Nabha.

NEW MEMBERS.

The Hon'ble Maharaja Sir Rameshwara Singh Bahadur of Darbhanga, the Hon'ble Munshi Madho Lal, the Hon'ble Mr. Gangadhar Rao Madhav Chitnavis, the Hon'ble Sir S. W. Edgerley, the Hon'ble Mr. Slacke. the Hon'ble Mr. Sim, and the Hon'ble Tikka Sahib Ripudaman Singh of Nabha took their seats as Additional Members of Council.

QUESTION AND ANSWER.

The Hon'ble Mr. Apcar asked:—"In view of the urgent representations which have been made to Government by the mercantile community in favour of the selection of Sara as the site for the proposed railway bridge over the Lower Ganges, and in view also of the fact that the need for the speedy construction of the bridge at Sara has been greatly accentuated during the last few weeks by the serious block of traffic which has occurred at the Sara-Damukdia crossing, will the Government be pleased to give such information as may be available in regard to the present position of the project?"

The Hon'ble Mr. Hewett replied:—"In 1903 and again in 1904 the Government of India strongly recommended to the Secretary of State the construction at an early date of a bridge over the Ganges at Sara. The Secretary of State postponed consideration of the project until information could be made available of the effect on the traffic of the new railway from Katihar to Ranaghat which has not yet been opened throughout its entire length. The Secretary of State has now asked the Government of India for their opinion on the proposal of the Bengal and North-Western Railway to construct a bridge at Godagiri, and also for their general views on the question of bridging the Ganges. The matter has been under the consideration of the Railway Board, who have recommended that there should be one bridge at Rampur Bealia to be constructed from State funds; that the Bengal and North-Western and Eastern Bengal Railways should be connected by short metre gauge extensions with this bridge; and that the metre gauge should be given access to Calcutta by means of a new line also to be constructed by the State. The Government of India have decided to appoint a small Committee to investigate the whole question of the site at which the Ganges should be bridged. It will be presided over by the Director of Railway Construction, and the Government of Bengal, the Port Commissioners of Calcutta, the Bengal Chamber of Commerce, and the Bengal National Chamber of Commerce will each have a representative on it."

INSOLVENCY (PROVINCIAL) BILL.

The Hon'ble Mr Richards moved that the Bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to Insolvency in British India, as administered by Courts having jurisdiction outside the Presidency-towns and the town of Rangoon be referred to a Select Committee consisting of the Hon'ble Sir Harvey Adamson, the Hon'ble Mr Apcar, the Hon'ble Mr Ismay, the Hon'ble Munshi Madho Lal, the Hon'ble Dr Rashbehari Ghose and the mover. He said that the name of the Hon'ble Dr Rashbehari Ghose was was not on the Notice Paper but that it had been added with the consent of His Excellency.

The motion was put and agreed to.

PRESIDENCY BANKS (AMENDMENT) BILL.

The Hon'ble Mr. Baker moved that the Bill further to amend the Presidency Banks Act, 1876, be referred to a Select committee consisting of the Hon'ble Mr. Richards, the Hon'ble Mr. Apcar, the Hon'ble Nawab Saiyid Muhammad Sahib, Bahadur, the Hon'ble Sir Steyning Edgerley and the mover.

The Hon'ble Munshi Madho Lal said:—"My Lord, with Your Excellency's permission I would like to make a few observations with reference to the Presidency Banks Amendament Bill now before the Council, which is going to be referred to the Select Committee.

"I venture to suggest that the power that it proposed to confer on the Presidency Banks as regards the advancement of loans to the Court of Wards may be extended a little further so as to empower the Banks to advance money also to solvent landowners on their own credit and on the security of their estates.

"By the term "solvent landowners" I mean landowners whose management may be as efficient as that of the Court of Wards and whose credit in the estimation of the public may not be inferior to that of the Court.

"It often happens that such solvent landowners are sometimes in want of money and are anxious to have a loan as a temporary accommodation. They have recourse to the assistance of petty bankers who take advantage of their difficulty and charge exorbitant rates of interest on the monies advanced by them.

"I am aware that Presidency Banks are not allowed to lock in their funds in non-liquid investments, such as loans on landed property; but I may be allowed to submit that loans to such landowners may be made on the same principle as the one upon which the Bill proposes to advance loans to the Courts of Wards, viz., upon their credit and on the secuity of the estates under their superintendence.

"I suppose that such loans are proposed to be advanced because they are regarded as liquid investments, viz., the loans can be realized as soon as the Banks want to have their money back. But to all intents and purposes such loans will have to be given on the credit of the Court of Wards and on the security of the estate of the debtor.

"I have the honour to propose that loans may also be given to large landed proprietors whose credit may be as good as that of the Courts of Wards and whose estates may be as valuable as those that come under their superintendence. I am sanguine that there will be no difficulty in realizing the amounts thus advanced. It is clear that such loans will also be granted under the same restrictions as govern the case of the Courts of Wards, *viz.*—

(i) sanction of the Local Government,
(ii) a period not exceeding six months.

"Strictly speaking, the loans that the Bill proposes to grant to the Courts of Wards are loans granted on their credit. Similarly, the grant of loans to big landholders will also be made on their credit subject to the control of the Local Government.

"It need hardly be said that the Government does not stand as surety for the loans advanced to the Court of Wards, and that, if it gives anything at all it gives only moral influence and support to the institution.

"I have been constrained to make these observations in the interest of big landholders, and I hope that they will be favourably considered by this Hon'ble Council and the Select Committee to which the Bill may be referred."

The Hon'ble Mr. Baker said:—"My Lord, I am a little doubtful whether the Hon'ble Member is, strictly speaking, in order in making his observations on the occasion of the present motion. The present motion, which is substantially of a formal character, is merely to refer the Bill to a Select Committee; but inasmuch as the Hon'ble Member was good enough to explain to me yesterday that he intended to make some remarks, I shall, with Your Excellency's permission, state briefly what I consider are the objections to the proposal. The nature of the proposal, briefly, is that Presidency Banks should be empowered to make loans to what the Hon'ble Member describes as 'solvent landlords' on the security of their estates, subject to the same restrictions and in the same way as loans which it is proposed by the Bill that they may be permitted to make to estates under the management of the Court of Wards. I cannot assent to this proposal, Hitherto the Presidency Banks have had no power to advance money on the security of landed property and this restriction has been imposed for the sufficient reason that if they did, their funds might be locked up in what the Hon'ble Member describes as a non-liquid form. The Bill proposes to allow a very restricted exception to this by empowering them to lend money to the Courts of Wards for not more than six months at a time and subject to the sanction of the Local Government. Financial pursuits might take exception even to this closely safeguarded concession, and I myself should regard it with considerable doubt if I thought it likely to be made use of very largely. I believe, however, that the limitation of six months will in practice effectively restrict its operation. But the wide extension advocated by the Hon'ble Member seems to me to be wholly indefensible. In the case of the Court of Wards, Government management and the sanction of the Local Government afford a guarantee not only of ultimate solvency, but also that the loan will be liquidated on its maturity. In the case of private estates there will be no such security. The Local Government can possess no information as to whether private estates are solvent or not, or whether the owner, even if solvent is able to repay the loan within the time prescribed. It seems to me that the extension which the Hon'ble Member proposes is far too dangerous to be permitted and I should certainly advise the Council and the Members of the select Committee not to entertain it."

The motion was put and agreed to.

REPEALING AND AMENDING (RATES AND CESSES) BILL.

The Hon'ble Sir Denzil Ibbetson moved for leave to introduce a Bill to repeal and amend certain enactments relating to abolished rates and cesses. He said:—"The purport of the Bill is explained in the Statement of Objects and Reasons."

The motion was put and agreed to.

The Hon'ble Sir Denzil Ibbetson introduced the Bill.

The Hon'ble Sir Denzil Ibbetson moved that the Bill, together with the Statement of Objects and Reasons relating thereto, be published in the *Gazette of India* in English and in the local official Gazettes of Madras, Bombay, Bengal, Eastern Bengal and Assam, the Punjab, the Central Provinces and Coorg in English and in such other languages as the Local Governments think fit.

The motion was put and ageed to.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES LOAN (AMENDMENT) BILL.

The Hon'ble Mr. Baker moved for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Local Authorities Loan Act 1879. He said:—My Lord, the circumstances which have led us to consider that this amendment is necessary are as follows:

"The present Act empowers a local authority to to borrow money for the carrying out of any *works* which it is legally authorised to carry out Some time ago, the Howrah Municipality desired to make a survey of that town, and proposed to raise a loan of a lakh of rupees to defray the cost of it. On reference to the law officers, however, it was held by them that a survey was not a 'work' within the meaning of the Act, and that it was therefore not open to the Municipality to raise a loan for such a purpose. Now a survey is a necessary and integral preliminary to many works of municipal improvement, such as drainage, or the clearance of congested areas: and it is desirable that there should be no legal bar to the raising of loans for such an objcet.

"It is also possible that there may be other objects of public utility which cannot strictly be described as 'works' within the meaning of the Act. We propose, therefore, to amend the law so as to permit of the borrowing of money by a local authority for any purpose to which its funds may legally be applied."

The motion was put and agreed to.

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CENTRAL PROVINCES BOILER INSPECTION BILL.

The Hon'ble Mr. Hewett moved for leave to introduce a Bill to provide for the inspection of Steam-boilers and Prime-movers and for their management by competent Engineers in the Central Provinces. He said:—"My Lord, there is at present no legal provision for the licensing and inspection by competent authority of boilers and prime-movers in the Central Provinces, or for their management by property qualified engineers Owing to industrial expansion, there has been a rapid growth in the number of boilers and prime-movers in the Province, and it is now necessary to provide a machinery by means of which the use of unsafe boilers can be guarded against. The Bill, which has been modelled on the lines of the Bombay Boiler Inspection Act, 1891, is intended to provide this, Similar Acts, passed in the Local Legislative Councils, are in force in many Provinces; but, as there is no Legislative Council in the Central Provinces, it is necessary to introduce the Bill in this Council.

"The Bombay Act has been selected as a model, as it is already in force in Berar. It will eventually be necessary, for the sake of uniformity, to apply the Central Provinces Act to Berar, and the course now adopted will, it is anticipated, enable this to be effected with the minimum of administrative inconvenience

"The provisions of the Bill do not differ materially from those of the Bombay Boiler Inspection Act, and none of the clauses call for any special remark."

The motion was put and agreed to.

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The motion was put and agreed to.

The Council adjourned to to-day.

THE LADIES' CORNER.

LIGUE DES PETITS CHAPEAUX.

A Paris correspondent writes:—I hear on good authority that the Comtesse Greffulhe is much disgusted with the failure of her famous "Ligue des petits Chapeaux"! It must not be supposed that the "ligue" it dissolved—quite the contrary—but some prominent members have fallen away and have actually appeared at recent premieres in "screen hats" of alarming dimensions! The other members still denounce the big theatre hat on every possible occasion, but it is no longer possible to say that "no one who is anyone wears big hats at the theatre."

NEW IDEA IN COATEES.

The latest idea for the smart coatee is a discreet mixture of taffetas and fur; this idea is even newer and more popular than the fur coatee lavishly trimmed with silk braids! That the taffetas and fur shall match in colour exactly is as a law of the Medes and Persians—a law as clearly defined as that which directs the juxtaposition of fur and silk braid! I need hardly say that this marriage of silk and fur is only suitable when an afternoon or evening garment is in question; for morning wear the little fur coatee is still to be seen in its simplicity, as of old. On these fine, chilly afternoons one sees the loveliest furs in the Avenue du Bois; in the carriages and "carried" by the pretty Parisiennes, who never neglect the daily swift walk, for the good of the complexion and figure.

MINK AND TAFFETAS.

Just at the entrance to the Bois the other day I encountered Mme. Henri Letellier wearing one of the newest fur coats, and she looked so charmingly pretty in it that, I am sure a description of the little garment will be useful. It was a short coatee of finest mink, the fronts cut away after the manner of a man's lounge coat; the sleeves drooped from the shoulder and were made entirely of brown taffetas, of exactly the same shade as a fur: they reached just to the elbows, and were finished off by hands of mink, with a head and two tails at the bend of the arms. There was no collar to the dainty little garment, but it was lined with palest silver grey satin and worn over a tailor made of grey cloth. Another successful coatee was carried out in golden-brown breitschwanz, and the wide pagoda sleeves had deep, turned back cuffs of taffetas in the same shade as the fur. There was a shoulder arrangement in taffettas, which was half cape and on the front of the coatee some valuable buttons, in the art nouveau style, of translucent enamels and carved ivory.

B. B. & C. I. RAILWAY.

Approximate return of traffic for week ended 3rd November, on 504·35 miles open.

	Coaching Traffic Receipts.	Merchandise and Mineral Traffic Receipts.	Other Earnings (Estimated.)	Total Earnings.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Total traffic for the week	1,32,000	1,70,000	4,000	2,79,000
Or per mile of Railway	275	337	8	553
For previous 17 weeks of half-year	21,05,965	23,90,506	67,573	43,37,754
Total for 18 weeks	22,45,965	25,60,506	67,572	46,16,754
Comparison. Total for corresponding week of previous year	1,32,571	1,86,490	1,191	3,20,252
Per mile of Ry. do.	263	370	2	635
Total to corresponding date do.	19,06,106	27,08,220	32,031	46,46,407

Decrease for the week .... Rs. 41,389
Decrease to date .... „ 29,653

BOMBAY 2ND EXTRA MEETING.

Saturday 22nd December 1906.

HORSES STRUCK OUT.

The Christmas Plate—Manelake, Talisman, Swordsman, Young Cardigon.
Selling Plate—Sahab.
The Holiday Plate—Gold Belt.
The Small Arab Plate—Marvel, Grey Falcon, Little Joker, Musket.
The Lo ers' Plate—Little Martaban.

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BOMBAY UNIVERSITY SENATE.

Last evening a meeting of the Senate of the Bombay University was held in the Sir Cowasjee Jehanghier Hall of the University to transact some miscellaneous business, Mr. F. G. Selby, Vice-Chancellor, presiding.

PROPOSAL TO CANCEL A DEGREE.

The Senate considered the desirability of cancelling the degree of B. A. conferred upon Nariman Framji Limbuvala at the last annual Convocation, having been convicted of forgery at the third Criminal Sessions of the current year, and sentenced to five year's rigorous imprisonment.

The Hon. Mr. Chimanlal H. Setalwad moved that, as recommended by the Syndicate, the degree of B. A. conferred on Limbuvala be cancelled under section 18 of the Indian Universities Act. Mr. Setalwad said the resolution spoke for itself. It was a very unfortunate case, but, as the man was convicted of forgery, it was not possible for the University to keep his name on the roll of its graduates.

The Rev. Fr. Dreckmann seconded the proposition.

Mr. Rustom K. R. Cama thought that, considering the circumstances under which the offence was committed, the punishment proposed to be inflicted was too drastic. The Legislature did not intend that every one who was convicted under the Penal Code should be, as a matter of course, deprived of his University degree. The law had left it to the discretion of the Senate to do so, and that, too, it could exercise only by a majority of two-thirds of the members present at the meeting. Young Limbuvala matriculated at the age of thirteen passed his first examination in LL. B. at 16, and obtained his degree of B. A. at 17. He was left alone in Bombay, lived in an ordinary boarding house, and was surrounded by bad companions. He was employed at this tender age as a canvasser for orders, and temptation led him to sign some cheques. One of these cheques he tried to cash when he was arrested. He made no defence at the Sessions, and got five years. But after hearing a petition from his father, who was a poor schoolmaster at Karachi, the Government reduced the sentence to twelve months. Mr. Cama asked whether in view of this enormous reduction in the sentence, the Senate would not follow the example of Government, show some mercy to this unfortunate young man, and give him an opportunity of reforming himself. The present proposal would deprive him of his degree for all time. If any member of the Syndicate would give an undertaking to revise the proposal, It would be well and good otherwise he would vote against it.

Mr. J. J. Mody agreed with the views of the last speaker. He considered that Limbuvala was a young, raw and inexperienced boy, and it would have been far better if, instead of being sent to jail, he had been sent to the Sassoon Reformatory. He thought he should be deprived of his deploma as long as he was in jail.

Principal Sharp said he was sure they all sympathised with the relatives and friends of this young man, but at the same time he would submit that the appeal which had been made to their sympathy by Mr. Cama and Mr. Mody was not quite to the point. It might be that, as individuals, they were sorry for this man and his friends, and that they would be willing to condone his offence and give him another chance when he came out of prison. But they did not meet there as individuals, but as a public body charged with maintaining the honour of the body which for the time they constituted. He submitted that, from this point of view, there could be no doubt as to the course which this University ought to pursue. This matter was originally brought to the notice of the Syndicate by the Municipality. The latter body was revising its list of voters, and consequently asked the University whether this man was still on their list of graduates, and therefore on the list of Municipal voters. Thus they had, in the first instance, to send a reply to the Municipality, and he was sure there could be no doubt as to the answer which a self-respecting body as the University ought to return. Were they to reply to the Municipality to retain amongst their voters a man who was at present a convict? Were they to publicly say that the University deliberately retained on its list of graduates a man who had been convicted of what, in all civilised countries, was considered a very serious offence. He submitted that if they condoned such a case as this they deprived the degree of everything honourable attaching to it.

Mr. D. G. Padhye believed that, considering all the circumstances, it would be a great strain upon one's mind to say that it was a case of person who had committed a very serious offence. The object of Section 18 was that the University should not have on its register of graduates a person who was a hardened criminal. He thought if the Senate were to exercise mercy, they would prevent this young man from becoming a hardened criminal. He thought they should not press the matter to the vote, but refer it back to the Syndicate. He moved an amendment that the matter be referred back to the Syndicate.

Dr. K. E. Dadachanji seconded.

The Hon. Mr. Setalwad, in replying on the debate, said he entirely dissociated himself from the views expressed by Mr. Padhye. He seemed to think that the Senate should deprive a graduate of his degree only if he was a hardened criminal.

Mr. Setalwad remarked the question was not one of punishment, but it was whether the Senate could properly keep on the roll of the graduates the name of a person who had been convicted of forgery.

The amendment was then put to the vote, and lost by a large majority.

Votes were then taken on Mr. Setalwad's original proposition, when it was found that out of 46 Fellows present 28 voted for and 13 against it. As the majority of two-thirds required under the section was not obtained the Vice-Chancellor declared the proposition lost.

BHAWNAGGER LAW CLASS.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Justice N. G. Chandavarkar, it was resolved to approve of the Syndicate's recommendation to affiliate the Bhawnaggar Law Class in the Faculty of Law for the purposes of the First Examination for the degree of L. L. B., for a further period of one year from the 1st January, 1907.

The business of the meeting then terminated.

THE statement of traffic of the Ahmedabad-Prantej Railway, for the week ending 3rd November amounted to Rs. 3,852, being an increase on the corresponding week of last year of Rs. 337. The total earnings from 1st July to 3rd November were Rs. 58,167 being an increase on the corresponding period of last year of Rs. 7,085.

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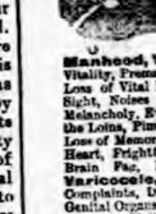
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THE AGA KHAN IN THE FAR EAST.

VISIT TO SHANGHAI.

At the invitation of Mr. E. Chandoobhoy a number of the leading representatives of Bombay and Mohammedan firms in Shanghai assembled in a room over Sir E. Pabaney's premises, on November 24th, to meet His Highness the Aga Khan, who was making a brief stay in Shanghai. All present were introduced to the distinguished visitor on his arrival, and the following address of welcome was read by Mr. Chandoobhoy :—

May it please your Highness,—On behalf of the members of the firm of Sir Currimbhoy Ebrahim Pabaney and myself, I beg leave to extend to your Highness, the chief and leader of our Khoja community, a hearty welcome; and express our great gratification in being able to do so, in Shanghai, which is the most important centre of commerce in the Far East, so many thousands of miles away from our home. We sincerely hope that you will have a very pleasant sojourn in China and Japan, and when you safely return home, you will carry away happy recollections of these travels. We are deeply sensible of the honour you have done us in coming to our residence, and meeting our fellow residents and merchants mostly from India, to whome also I am sincerely thankful for their presence here. In the end, we wish you a safe journey and a pleasant voyage across the seas; and pray that God Almighty may grant you health and long life for many a year to come so that following in the illustrations footsteps of your noble ancestors, you may continue your benevolent career in life, as the Leader and Protector of our Khoja Community.

The Aga Khan replied briefly, expressing the pleasure it gave him to meet so many of his co-religionists, and then spent some time in coversation with those who attended the reception.

THE WEATHER.

TELEGRAPHIC WEATHER AND CROP REPORTS, 20TH DECEMBER.

Amritsar.—Looks like clearing up. Cotton plants expect only slight damage owing to recent rains. Rabi crop prospecrs generally good. Rains greatly benefitted standing rabi crops.

Bhatinda.—Continues cloudy with slight drizzle. Mornings cold and dewy. More rain wanted generally. Rabi crop prospects generally good. Considerable improvement in crops perceptible.

Delhi.—Rain general over district. All crops doing well.

Agra.—Cloudy, but no rain. Rabi crop prospects generally good.

Cawnpore.—Bright, no sign of rain. More rain wanted generally.

Beawar.—Cloudy, but no rain. Food-grains doing well.

Amraoti.—Looks like rain. Wheat flourishing.

Khamgaon.—Dewfall insufficient. Cotton picking general and arriving in small quantities.

Khandesh—Bright, no sign of rain. Mornings cold and dewy.

Broach—Seasonable. Unusually cool. Mornings cold. Cotton plants in flower and showing bolls. All crops doing well. Crop prospects generall good.

Viramgam—Cloudy, but no rain. Cotton plants showing bolls. Crop prospects generally good.

Wadhwan—Mornings cold and dewy. Cotton plants flourishing, showing bolls and want fine weather. Cotton healthy. Present weather may improve cotton yields slightly.

Bhavnagar—Bright, no sign of rain. Seasonable. Mornings cold and dewy. Cotten plants flourishing.

Barsi—Seasonable. Cotton picking general and arriving in small quantities. Rabi crop prospects generally good.

Sholapur—Cloudy and unseasonable. Food-grains suffering from want of rain.

Hubli—Cloudy, but no rain. Mornings cold Cotton plants continue to show more improvement.. Crop prospects generally good.

Bellary—Dewfall insufficient. Cloudy and unseasonable. Cotton plants flourishing.

OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT 8 A.M. ON THURSDAY, 20TH DECEMBER.

SUMMARY.

Pressure changes show a brisk to rapid rise in Sind the Punjab, Rajputana and at Neemuch and Saugor and a slight rise or fall elsewhere.

Winds are very variable in direction and the force has been moderate to light.

Temperature.—The greatest variations are :—Maxmum 5° to 13° in defect at Lahore, Sirsa, Jaipur, Rajkot, Ratnagiri, Karwar and Hyderabad (Deccan), and 5° to 6° in excess at Negapatam, Jubbulpore and Allahabad; minimum from 5° to 11° in excess in several places. The highest temperature in the shade was 88° at Calicut and the lowest 44° at Sirsa and Jacobabad.

Cloud and Humidity.—The sky is cloudy in several places to the south of Latitude 16° and also at Bijapur, Jubbulpore and Lahore.

Rain.—Ten stations report rain, the heaviest fall recorded being 3·00" at Cochin, about an inch and a half at Coimbatore and about an inch at Masulipatam.

Weather.—Local showers are still likely in the south of the Peninsula.

N. LESLIE,
Meteorological Reporter for Western India.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY MAJOR R. W. L. DUNLOP, COMMANDING B. V. R.

Bombay, December 21.

368 Detail—To-day Friday the 21th Instant.
"F" Company will parade at St Mary's College, Byculla, at 5-15 p m.
Dress—Drill Order, Plain clothes.
II—All Recruits of the current season will parade at Head-Quarters at 7 p.m.
Dress—Plain clothes.
369. Arms—Members of the Corps are requested to draw their Arms from Head-Quaters as early as possible.
Issues will be made between the hours of 7 a m and 5 p m daily except Sundays.
370 Musketry—The Rifle Range at Ghat Koper will be available for class firing daily until further orders.
371 To-day Friday the 21st instant.
There will be a Meeting of the members of "C" Company at Head-Quarters at 7 p m it is hoped that all will make it convenient to attend.
372 Musketry Sunday the 23rd Inst.
The Rifle Range of the 109th Infantry at Santa Cruz will be avail-able for Class firing
Train leaves Colaba at 6'40 a m.
373. Transfer—No 5879 Cadet A Grearson is transferred from "F" to "C" Coy in the rank of Volunteer from this date.

G. D. PRICE, Capt.,
Adjt., B. V. R.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY LIEUT.-COL. L. P. RUSSELL COMMANDING B. V. A.

Bombay, December 21.

104 DRILLS.

No. 1 Co—Saturday the 22nd instant.
1" Aiming Rifle Practice at Middle Ground Fort.
Parade at the B V A Club at 4-15 p.m.
Launch will leave Apollo Bunder at 4-45 p.m.
Dress Khaki and Helmets.

105 RIFLE MEETING.

It is notified for information that the annual Rifle Meeting of the Corps will be held at Santa Cruz on (Sundays) the 13th, 20th and 27th of January 1907.

Lists are being circulated by officers Commanding Companies Members are requested to hand in their subscriptions as early as possible to enable the committee to complete the Prize lists.

Copies of the rules will be ready in a few days.

107 CLASS FIRING PRACTICE.

There will be class firing practice on the British Infantry Range at Colaba on Sunday next the 23rd Inst. commencing at 7 a, m.

108 STRENGTH.

Sapper M Davis E E Co is struck off the strength of the Corps, under Corps Rule 11 and 12 for being absent without leave and for Non Efficiency and Non-payment of Corps subscriptions, with effect from the 19th Inst.

F. O. JENKIN, Lieut. R. A.,
Adjutant B. V. A.

1ST BATTALION B. B. & C. I. RAILWAY VOLUNTEER RIFLE CORPS.

BATTALION ORDERS BY LIEUT.-COL. C. A. R. CROMMELIN.

The following programme ending Saturday 22nd Dec. is published for information :—

260 DRILL & INSTRUCTION

Monday 10th Nov—Two Local, Santa Cruz, A and H Coy Practice 1, 2, 3, and 4 Match VI Divisional Rifle Meeting (Local), Names of competitors who have entered for the Local meeting are published below.
Tuesday 11th—Two Local, Santa Cruz, A and H Coy 1—2 Match VI Divisional Competition.
Wednesday 12th—Two Local, Santa Cruz, A and H Coy 3—4 Match VI Divisional Competition.
Thursday 13th—Two Local, Santa Cruz, Hd-Qrs, Napier Memorial Match, Practice 200, 500 and 600 yards, Battalion team of eight.
Friday 14th—Two Local, Santa Cruz, Hd-Qrs, Napier Memorial, Competition.
Saturday 15th—Two Local, Santa Cruz, Hd-Qrs, William Watson, Practice 250-100 yards, Name of members (10) selected for the team will be notified later.
Monday 17th—Two Local, Santa Cruz, Hd-Qrs, William Watson Match, Competition also practice Maxim Gun competition
Tuesday 18th—Two Local, Santa Cruz, A Match, Maxim Gun Competition.
Wednesday 19th—Two Local, Santa Cruz, A Coy, B G I P Cup, Practice 200, 600 and 800 yards.
Thursday 20th—Two Local, Santa Cruz, H Coy, B G I P Cup, Practice 200, 600 and 800 yards.
Friday 21st—Two Local, Santa Cruz, A Coy, B G I P Cup, Competition do. Officer Superintending Competition will be notified later.
Saturday 22nd—Two Local, Santa Cruz, H Coy, B G I P Cup, competition do.

O C B Company will make his own arrangement for Umpire and Butt Markes with the Staff Officers Ahmedabad for the Local Divisional Matches.

H. O C Outstation Companies are required to notify the [illegible] dates on which they propose firing the Regimental [illegible].

H. E. P NASH, Captain,
Adjt. 1st Bn. B. B. & C. I. Ry. Vols.

BY THE WAY.

THE NEW SHAKSPERE THEORIST.

MANY people will think that the Dr. Karl Bleibtreu, who has brought forward the latest Shakspere theory, attributing the authorship of the plays to the Earl of Rutland, is some learned professor. As a matter of fact there is nothing he hates so much as the schoolmen and the clique of university critics (Professors Erich Schmidt and R.M. Meyer in Berlin) who are such large forces in contemporary German literature; and he would not feel flattered by the addition to his name of what he himself calls "the doctor-title of semi-culture." The truth is that he is a most distinguished man of letters—poet, novelist, philosopher, critic, and revolutionary. He has written much in his own glorification, but his chief title to lasting fame is the fact that he was the founder and prophet of the movement in German literature which has brought to the fore, as its chief representatives, Hauptmann and Sudermann. Bleibtreu's "Revolution in Literature," published in 1885, was the manifesto of the "youngest Germans" (Die Jungstdeutschen), as his followers called themselves. In 1890, too, he founded the so-called "Independent German Theatre," which acted modern plays, including Oscar Wilde's "Salome," in defiance of dictatorial officialdom.

CRITICISING KIPLING.

Bleibtreu, who studied in London, has published a large "History of English Literature," the most important part of which is that devoted to Byron, whose apostle he is in Germany. Perhaps a sample of Bleibtreu's critical style may not be uninteresting:—"And be thou, too, here put right, O childish Kipling, thou light that failed! A telegram from the Kaiser careful about thy precious health, of far more moment, indeed, than the paltry existence of German bards, hast thou repaid with a kick at German immigrants. 'Shameless Huns and Goths' hast thou named the guileless race of poets and thinkers! Know, O Indo-Judaic Briton in all the pride of thy perfidious Albion, we are no Attilas and Theodorics, we are ourselves only Alexandrians and Byzantines, stricken with blindness like the hero of thine own master-novel, miserable weaklings like Mrs. Ward's immortal Tressady. We are a Night-Asylum by Gorki."

AN UNSUCCESSFUL PLEA.

The justices at Linlithgow the other day seem to have made light of a defence, very likely a perfectly honest one, which was offered by three hawkers charged with poaching. They declared that when they were arrested they were in search of hedgehogs, which were with them a delicacy. Moreover, each of the offenders had under his arm at the time a newly captured hedgehog. Those acquainted with gipsy life or lore know, of course, that the hedgehog, or, in Romany language, the "hotchi-witchi," is regarded by the nomad as a dainty of dainties. A gipsy legend tells how once a bird met a hedgehog in a field and said to him, "Do not go by the right hand, or the hunters' horses will trample you dead in the dirt; and if you go round by the left hand there's a gipsy tent, and the gipsies will eat you." But to this the hedgehog replied, "I'd rather go with the gipsies and be eaten by folk who like me than be trampled on by people who despise me."

AND A DELIGHTFUL DISH.

The "hotchi-witchi" may seem a peculiar dish, but it has long been a favourite with the gipsy, who has a partiality for, among other things, snails in broth. The hedgehog is cooked and served in a simple but very ingenious way. The gipsy takes the animal just as he is and coats him thickly with clay. Then the whole is baked in the fire till the clay is hard. When the crust is broken and the clay drawn aside, the scales and skin come with it, leaving the tender and savoury interior. The hedgehog is more or less carnivorous—it eats such small game as mice, young birds, frogs, insects, and worms,—and it is generally supposed that the flesh of carnivorous animals is not very palatable. That of the hedgehog, however, may be an exception. The meat has a very distinctive odour, which is said to be extremely agreeable and enticing.

SINGING KETTLES.

The singing of the kettle has always had a comfortable fascination for lovers of tea, and apparently the Japanese experience it too, for they long ago invented a special device for making the kattle sing more loudly. As the water in one of these kettles approaches boiling point it begins to sing with a quavering sound which is a combination of different notes. A description of the device by which this effect is got is given in "Nature" by a Japanese correspondent, H. Nagaoka, of the Science College at Tokio, who tells us that its origin is unknown, but that it "seems to have been invented by amateurs of teaism (chanoyu) long before Western science was introduced to Japan." On the bottom of the kettle four pieces of sheet iron are glued by means of Japan lac (urushi), which can withstand the temperature of boiling water. Between the bottom and the plates is an air space nearly half a millimetre thick. The plates are nearly in a plane, and almost touch each other, leaving thin slits between them. When the kettle is full some air remains under the plates, but as it is the part strongly heated by the fire the cavity is filled with steam, which escapes in bubbles through the slits. The bubbling of steam through the slits acts as exciter, and the kettle emits senorous notes which Mr. Nagaoka poetically likens to the ruffling of pine trees by a gentle breeze or the sound produced by stridulating insects. There should be a sale for these singing kettles among "amateurs of teaism" in this country.

FRENCH NOVEL SALES.

Mr. J. H. Hager, writing recently in the New York "Bookman," professed to give the "circulation" of some French authors. Rent and labour being cheap in Paris, the cost of producing a book is low; nevertheless, as advertising is dear, a book's sale depends upon the personal influence of author and publisher. An edition is usually only 500 copies. The inexhaustible Georges Ohnet is always the most popular French romancer; he may sell 200,000 copies of a book. His case is analogous to that of a well-known lady novelist in this country, for he has not found favour with the critics, who attack him violently, charging him with plagiarism, banality of ideas, and a platitudinous style. But Anatole France, the most merciless of his critics, can sell only from 15,000 to 30,000 copies of a book—sales in France, as elsewhere, bearing little relation to literary merit. Rostand's "Cyrano" is credited with 280,000 and "L'Aiglon," with 250,000 copies. M. Paul Adam, who possesses perhaps the most versatile and certainly the most analytical mind among living writers, never exceeds 28,000. M. Bourget, with his rare gift of psychological analysis, cannot sell more than from 20,000 to 30,000; M. Paul Hervieu, stylist and Academician, even less; while "Gyp" and Marcelle Tinayre are the most popular female writers, with sales of about 20,000.

BAD FOR SUFFRAGETTES.

In our Cheshire village (a correspondent writes) one source of sweetness and light has this winter dried up. This is our orchestral society, from which such great things were hoped. Did we not last winter, at the ever-memorable concert in the little schoolroom, attack the high classics of music, Mendelssohn and even Wagner? Those of us who boasted of advanced ideas took particular pride in the fact that our conductor was a lady. This we (or at any rate an enlightened minority) gloried in as an especial sign of enlightenment and superiority to stick-in-the-mud conservatism. This autumn to our dismay, the brave society has shown no sign of continuing its career. We had a practice, but our conductor and the faithful violoncello were alone present. What was the cause? Finding the farmer who took first violin contemplating the road in staid vacancy the other night, I asked for an explanation. "It's this way," he said; "we're not bound to be mestered boi a woman. It's not come to that yet in *this* village. We keep 'em down."

THE TRIUMPH OF MECHANICS.

[Machinery must take the place of human and animal labour, and the engineer, therefore, must in the future, rule the world.—Mr. W. Henry Hunter, at the Manchester Association of Engineers.]

Alas! for us whose toiling pens
  Now do a daily duty
In finding cures for social wens
Or bringing to a mighty lens
  The claims of worth and Beauty!

Alas! for me! No more shall I
  With judgment ripe and mellow
Make tears at laughter's bidding fly,
But, occupation wanting, cry,
  "My trade is gone" (Othello).

For who will dream of asking me
  To write my little ditties
Of Court and camp, of wood life free,
Of mountain-top, or boundless sea,
  Of factories and cities—

Who hear my lute—(that word is vain,
  'Tis but a concertina!)—
When steel shall take the place of brain
And all the universe obtain
  Their poems—ex machina?

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GREEN ROOM GOSSIP.

It has not happened yet, and it is not likely ever to happen, but there is no harm, and no disrespect, in imagining what a revival of *Richard II.* would be like with Mr. Sidney Lee at the head of all as producer and manager. The eminent scholar of Shakespeare, in his latest book, continues his pet plea for the archaic presentation of the poet's works. The method of Charles Kean and Henry Irving and Beerbohm Tree he condemns; he is opposed to the popular belief that a beautiful jewel deserves to have a setting worthy of its beauty. Fortunately, Mr. Sidney Lee is not in a position to put his theory into practice, and fortunately Mr. Beerbohm Tree is in a position to put his practice into perfection. After curtainfall at His Majesty's on Monday night, last week, I fell to wondering what would have been the effect upon the audience if *Richard II.* had been presented by Mr. Lee instead of by Mr. Tree. In my mind's eye I beheld but a dozen persons in the theatre, and those were fast asleep.

I saw the scene of the Lists at Coventry (by imagination's aid) put forth in a fashion that carried with it the very fullest pardon for the sleepers. The Queen, played by a raw-boned youth with ill-shaven lip and over-rouged cheek-bones, looked on at the challenge betwen Henry of Hereford and Thomas Mowbray from the ricketty stool placed on a packing-case and draped with a dingy crimsoncloth. The King strode about the stage in Elizabethan robes; and Henry of Hereford and Thomas Mowbray came prancing up before the royal enclosure on their own legs stuck through wooden horses which had had their backs, their loins, their withers, their girths, and their back ribs scooped out for the purpose. Bolingbroke's encampment, Gloucestershire, was one of the sheets from old John of Gaunt's bed hung gracefully over the backs of two chairs, and the Duke of York's garden at Berkley was a sheet of brown paper (a two-penny sheet) with a severely orchaic pot of geranium stuck in the centre. Westminster Hall, a Street in London, and a Dungeon in Pomfret Castle were all enacted by the same piece of "scenery"—a gigantic black-board, the most elaborate and expensive "property" in the whole production; and the Tableau of the Coronation of Henry IV. in Westminster Abbey was—well, of course, there was no such thing.

But there was an orchestra composed of a couple of panpipes and the lighting of the theatre did proceed, together with clouds of indigestible smoke, from three or four (I think three) torches stuck in sockets where wicked sinners like Mr. Tree have electric footlights. The archaic feeling was so strong within me by the time my imagination had done with me that, when the play was all over, I nearly called for a lance to slay the big footman in His Majesty's vestibule for giving the tails of my dress-coat too sudden a jerk downwards, and the collar of my overcoat too sudden a jerk upwards as he prepared me for my journey home through the cold but civilised streets. There is no higher authority on Shakespeare living than Mr. Sidney Lee, and as such he is entitled to the greatest respect (which I trust I have shown him), but I am certain it is a mistake on his part to plead for a style of Shakespearian production which would, if adopted by Mr. Tree, and by actors generally, remove the plays of his beloved and our beloved poet from the enjoyment of the people. The man who does most for Shakespeare is he who spreads him out before the eyes of the people, not he who reads him jealously in a dark corner to a dozen epicures.

Unless it be the restless energy of certain players, nothing on the stage is so wearing to the nerves of an audience as the restive energy of horses. Even the tame white horses with pink rings round their eyes, who stand in so reverent an attitude while the leading actor recites Shakespeare and who have never been known to take fright at the leading lady's salary, give us many an anxious moment. High kicking is not an art that drops out of one's composition when one joins the modern stage, and who can be quite sure that the noble animal with a tail crimped and ribboned like the hair of a good little girl is not contemplating, as he stands so innocently among the "Lords, Officers, Citizens, Messengers, Attendants, Pages," and what not, lifting one of his two-legged companions into the tangled regions above the stage? The brute's docility may merely be put on. All the world's a stage.

Mr. Lin Harding, who is the Henry of Hereford in the Richard II. revival at His Majesty's, is one of the few actors who do not make one feel anxious for their safety, and for the safety of their comrades, when they ride horses on the stage. When an actor, in mounting, pauses on his upward scramble to wipe his boots on the horse's croup and then, having shuffled himself into the saddle, plays a little game of scratch-cradle with the reins for a minute or two, it is time for the members of the orchestra to remember where they put their accident insurance papers. But they need have no fear when Mr. Lyn Harding is the horseman. He has his animal in easy control from the moment his left foot is in the stirrup-iron. Yet accidents will happen to the best-regulated riders, as many persons will agree who witnessed Mr. Oscar Asche's alarming descent from his horse on the first night of the reproduction of this version of *Richard II.* in 1903.

Mr. Asche, who as a youth lived the life of a cowboy for some years, and who may therefore be trusted to know something about the management of horses, was on the point of addressing a few affectionate words of farewell to his country in the scene of the Lists at Coventry where he is banished by his King, when the big white horse he was riding forgot its footing and toppled Henry of Hereford (Mr. Asche played this part in the production in question) on to "England's ground" with a noise like the collapse of an ironmonger's shop. Mr. Oscar Asche falling from a tall horse in the steel array of the lists was no light matter.

I believe Mr. Charles Warner is a very fair coachman off the stage; at all events, he used to do a lot of driving before the motors came into the streets to steal our nerves. But I shall never forget the fright he gave the audience on the first night of a Drury Lane sporting drama of the "Gus" Harris days, as he drove a team of four from a counterfeit presentment of Epsom Downs on Derby Day. In the pardonable confusion of a most exciting moment Mr. Warner whipped up the wheelers without first acquainting the leaders of his intention, with the result that he nearly changed the scene with his coach? At one moment I thought coach and horses and grand stand would tumble into the laps of the peaple in the stalls, but by the greatest luck imaginable the tangled team righted themselves and the coach and the crowded stand all in a flash, and as Mr. Warner drove off he mowed down nothing of more importance to backers than the winning-post.

In the old prints of the ballets of the thirties, which one occasionally comes across in the windows of the second-hand book-shops, the dancers, with their Dutch doll heads and their long tulle skirts, always seemed to me to look very tame and unattractive. I suppose it must have been the stiffness of the drawing more than anything else that gave me this impression, for there is certainly no lack of grace and enchantment about the ladies who reflect the fashions of 1835 in the new Empire ballet, *The Debutante*. From Mdlle. Adeline Genee downwards, they look most graceful in their old fashioned skirts and head-dresses, and on the premiere danseuse the 1835 ballet skirt is far more becoming than the 1906 "ham-frill," a hideous affair (I am speaking from a man's point of view), which throws into prominence all the angular muscularities of the limb, and robs the dancer of fifty per cent. of the poetry of her movements.

The latest ballet at the Empire is distinctive in story as well as in dress. I do not profess to be able to translate the gestures and the attitudes of the company into dialogue, but *The Debutante* tells its story plainly by its events, and this must be a great boon to the visitor who wants a lot for his money. Mdlle. Genee never in any other ballet had so much to do as she does here in the character of Delphine Duvet, the "new girl" at the Paris Opera House, who comes in for the principal part in the Oriental ballet. *Azalea* through Mdlle. Florita, in a fit of professional jealousy throwing it up and "walking out of the theartre"; and the ballet within a ballet is one of the most artistic achievements the Empire has been responsible for since its opening.

THE CITY MORTALITY.

THE Municipal Office returns for the twenty four hours ending at 6 a. m. yesterday, give the following results :—

Wards.	Plague Attacks.	Plague Deaths.	Deaths from all causes.
A Upper, Middle and Lower Colaba, Fort Northern, Fort Southern and Esplanade	0	0	1
B Mandvi, Chakla, Oomerkhadi and Dongri	1	0	14
C Market, Dhobi Talao Fanaswady, Bhuleshwar, Khara Talao, and Kumbharwada ..	0	0	16
D Khetwadi, Girgaum, Chowpati, Walkeshwar, and Mahaluxmi	0	0	10
E Mazagon, Tarwadi, 2nd Nagpada, Kamatipura, Tardeo, Byculla and 1st Nagpada	0	0	25
F Parel, Sewri and Sion......	1	1	7
G Mahim and Worli	0	0	6
Water Division..............	0	0	1
Non-Resident and Unknown ..	0	0	0
Hospitals	0	0	4
Total........	2	1	84
Total plague deaths to date ..	[illegible]		
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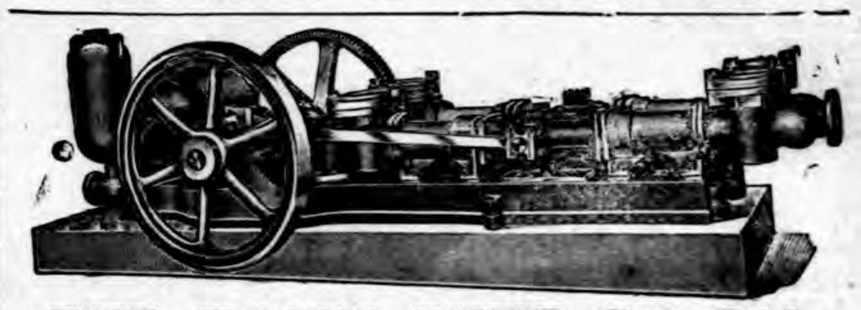
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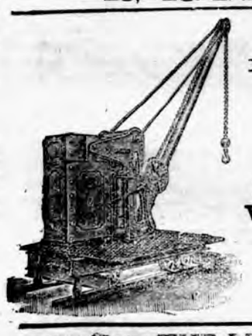
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